

Sigh of Relief in Boston



Police: Bombing suspect taken into custody

Police officers guard the entrance to Franklin street after officials confirmed Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 'suspect # 2' in the Boston Marathon bombings, was taken into custody, Friday, April 19, 2013, in Watertown, Mass.

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WATERTOWN, Massachusetts (AP) — A 19-year-old college student wanted in the Boston Marathon bombings was taken into custody Friday evening after a manhunt that left the city virtually paralyzed and his older brother and accomplice dead.

Police announced via Twitter that Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was in custody.

They later wrote, "CAPTURED!!! The hunt is over. The search is done. The terror is over. And justice has won. Suspect in custody."

Tsarnaev's brother,

26-year-old Tamerlan, was killed early Friday in a furious attempt to escape police.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev had been hiding in a boat in a neighborhood near Boston. The crowd gathered near the scene let out a cheer when spectators saw officers clapping.

"Everyone wants him alive," said Kathleen Paolillo, a 27-year-old teacher who lives in the area.

Boston Mayor Tom Menino tweeted, "We got him," along with a photo of the police commissioner speaking to him.

Watertown residents poured out of their homes and lined the streets to



Photo of captured Boston bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.
(AP Photo/FBI)

cheer police vehicles as they rolled away from the scene.

During a long night of violence Thursday into Friday, the brothers killed a police officer, severely wounded another officer and hurled explosives at police in a car chase and gun battle, authorities said.

The suspects were identified by law enforcement officials and family members as Dzhokhar and 26-year-old Tamerlan Tsarnaev, ethnic Chechen brothers who had lived in Dagestan, which neighbors Chechnya in southern Russia.

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Members of British forces' Household Cavalry participate in the Changing of the Guard ceremony, at the Mall in central London, Friday, April 19, 2013, where the London Marathon finish line will be on Sunday, April, 21, 2013.

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Security bolstered for London run

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LONDON – As police in the United States hunted down and traded fire with the men suspected in the marathon bombings in Boston, Scotland Yard said Friday that it had increased the number of officers assigned to guard the London Marathon on Sunday by several hundred to reassure runners and spectators of their safety. The London event, one of the world's biggest with tens of thousands of competitors and many more onlookers, is the first major international race of its kind since Monday's bombings in Boston killed three people and wounded more than 170. The 37,000 runners include many stars, like the British Olympic gold medalist Mo Farah who is running only the first half of the race.

The finish line of the event lies within sight of Buckingham Palace on the broad avenue called The Mall. At the start line, runners are to pause for a 30-second silent commemoration of the dead in Boston and the organizers say they will hand out black armbands for contestants.

Chief Superintendent Julia Pendry, who is in charge of the policing of the London Marathon, said additional deployment would increase the number of officers by 40 percent compared with last year.

"I have increased the number of officers for reassurance patrols by several hundred. It's about making sure that people who come to London on Sunday feel safe when they are in the city," she told reporters. "It is a good 40 percent increase on last year on numbers of officers on the ground. We've got more search dogs out, we have got more on high-visibility patrols."

She did not give a precise figure for the number of officers to be deployed. The number of spectators at the event routinely runs into hundreds of thousands.

The British police say they are in close touch with their counterparts in Boston and have received no indication that the attack in the United States is part of a broader conspiracy involving London.

"At this time there is no link whatsoever between the Boston Marathon atrocities and the London Marathon on Sunday," Pendry said. "What we have got is a number of contingencies. I have several contingencies should anything change between now and Sunday; we can then react to anything that should happen."

"There is no link between the Boston Marathon and the London Marathon and there is no change to the threat level at this time to London," she said. □

Venezuela: Rough inauguration day for Maduro

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Inauguration day didn't go well for the man picked to lead Venezuela's socialist revolution for the next six years.

Hours before his swearing-in, fellow South American leaders pushed President Nicolas Maduro into a concession allowing a full audit of the razor-thin vote that the opposition says he won by fraud. Then the massive crowds that used to pack the streets for late leader Hugo Chavez failed to appear. Finally, a spectator rushed the stage and interrupted Maduro's inaugural speech, shouting into the microphone before he was tackled by security in an embarrassing gaffe.

It was an inauspicious start to the first full term of the burly former bus driver laboring in Chavez's shadow and struggling to inspire the fervor that surrounded the former lieutenant colonel during his 14 years in power. Maduro, who has the support of the Chavista bases, needs all the mo-

Venezuelan government officials appeared confident there will be no reversal of the result by an audit that's only slated to begin next week and could drag on well into May. Many independent analysts agreed. Still, the announcement of the audit by the government-controlled National Electoral Council was a startling reversal for a government that insisted all week that there would be no review of Sunday's vote and took a hard line against the opposition — including the alleged brutal treatment of protesters.

The announcement late Thursday night came moments before the official start of an emergency meeting of the union of South American leaders, Unasur, to discuss Venezuela's electoral crisis. The leaders wound up endorsing Maduro's victory after their meeting in Lima, Peru, likely in exchange for his concession to the audit.

"Unasur applied a lot of pressure on Venezuela to accept a recount," said Alexandre Barros, an ana-

count."

Opposition candidate Henrique Capriles said the audit will prove he won the presidency. And even if it leaves the vote standing and calms tensions, the recount will strengthen the opposition against a president whose narrow victory left him far weaker than Chavez ever was, analysts said.

"The regime has no intention of modifying the existing situation," said Vicente Torrijos, a political scientist at Colombia's Universidad del Rosario, suggesting it won't let the audit force them from office.

Still, he said, "I think this is a weak government, incredibly fragile, and it's an unsustainable regime."

The International Monetary Fund said this week that it expects Venezuela's economy to contract 0.1 percent this year compared to 5.5 percent growth in 2012 and to have the region's highest inflation at 27 percent, forcing an inevitable cutback in the public spending that was key to Chavez's popularity. On Friday, the administra-



Venezuela's newly sworn-in President Nicolas Maduro, center, looks up as he leaves the National Assembly after his swearing-in ceremony in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, April 19, 2013.

(AP Photo/Gil Montano)

mentum he can muster to consolidate control of a country struggling with shortages of food and medicines; chronic power outages; one of the world's highest homicide and kidnapping rates.

lyst with the Early Warning political risk group in Brasilia, Brazil. "The democratic legitimacy of Unasur as a group and of each one its members would be placed in doubt if Venezuela refused to accept a re-

tion's red-clad backers were fervent but marched in surprisingly small numbers through the capital, dancing and blowing trumpets, led by riders on horseback and even massive bulls yoked in pairs. □

A glance at the hunt for Boston bomb suspects

BOSTON (AP) — Key moments related to the search for the Boston Marathon bombing suspects, based on reports from the Middlesex County district attorney, Massachusetts State Police and Boston police.

— At 5:10 p.m. Thursday, investigators release photographs and video of two suspects and ask for the public's help in identifying them.

— Around 10:20 p.m., shots are fired on the campus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, just outside Boston.

— At 10:30 p.m., an MIT campus police officer who was responding to a disturbance is found shot multiple times in his vehicle, apparently in a confrontation with the bombing suspects. He is later pronounced dead.

— Shortly afterward, two armed men reportedly carjack a Mercedes SUV in Cambridge. A man who was in the vehicle is held for about a half hour and released unharmed at a gas station in Cambridge.

— Police soon pursue the carjacked vehicle in Watertown, just west of Cambridge.

— Some kind of explosive devices are thrown from the vehicle in an apparent attempt to stop police. The carjackers and police exchange gunfire. A police officer is seriously injured. One suspect is critically injured and later pronounced dead.

— Authorities launch a manhunt for the other suspect.

— Around 1 a.m. Friday, gunshots and explosions are heard in Watertown. Dozens of police officers and FBI agents converge on a Watertown neighborhood.

— Around 4:30 a.m., Massachusetts state and Boston police tell people living in that neighborhood to stay in their homes. They identify the carjackers as the same men suspected in the bombings. Overnight, police also release a photograph of one of the suspects. The image apparently was taken from surveillance video at a gas station in Cambridge. Authorities initially say the suspects robbed the store but later say they did not.

— Around 5:50 a.m. authorities urge residents in Watertown, Newton, Waltham, Belmont, Cambridge, Arlington and the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods of Boston to stay indoors. All mass transit is shut down.

— Around 6:35 a.m., The Associated Press reports that the suspects are from a Russian region near Chechnya and lived in the United States for at least a year.

— Around 6:45 a.m., The Associated Press identifies the surviving Boston bomb suspect as Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, who has been living in Cambridge.

— Around 8 a.m., Boston's police commissioner says all of Boston must stay in their homes as the search for the surviving suspect continues.

— Around 8:40 a.m., a U.S. law enforcement official and the uncle of the suspects confirm that the name of the slain suspect is Tamerlan Tsarnaev, Dzhokhar's older brother.

— Around 10:20 a.m., Connecticut State Police say a gray Honda Civic believed to be linked to Dzhokhar has been recovered in Boston.

— Around 10:35 a.m., the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth says it closed its campus and ordered an evacuation after confirming that Dzhokhar is registered there.

— Around 11:30 a.m., Massachusetts State Police explain that the brothers were in the Honda Civic when they carjacked the Mercedes SUV. For a while, each drove one of the two vehicles, but then ditched the Honda and reunited in the Mercedes.

— Around 12:35 p.m., state police in Watertown say officers are searching door-to-door but still have not found the bombing suspect.

— Around 6:30 p.m., Massachusetts Gov. Patrick Deval announces that mass transit is resuming and the "stay indoors" order is being lifted, even though Dzhokhar remains on the lam. State police say he fled on foot and there are no indications he has a vehicle. They believe he is still in the state because of his ties to the area.

— Around the time the order is lifted, a flurry of gunfire breaks out in the community that was being searched. Law enforcement officials locate Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in a boat parked behind a home.

— At approximately 8:45 p.m., Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is taken into custody by police. □

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They had been in the U.S. for about a decade, an uncle said, and were believed to be living in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who had been known to the FBI as Suspect No. 1 and was seen in surveillance footage of the marathon in a black baseball cap, was killed overnight, officials said. His younger brother,

specter of another terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

Investigators in the Boston case have shed no light on the motive for the bombing and have said it is unclear whether it was the work of domestic or international terrorists. A federal law enforcement official said the FBI interviewed Tamerlan Tsarnaev at the request of a foreign government in 2011 and that nothing derogatory was found.

to open. People waiting at bus and subway stops were told to go home. The Red Sox and Bruins postponed their baseball games.

"We believe this man to be a terrorist," said Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis. "We believe this to be a man who's come here to kill people."

State Police spokesman Dave Procopio said police realized they were dealing with the bombing suspects



Police SWAT team member smile as they leave the scene of the arrest of a suspect of the Boston Marathon bombings in Watertown, Mass., Friday, April 19, 2013.

(AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

who had been dubbed Suspect No. 2 and was seen wearing a white, backward baseball cap in the images from Monday's deadly bombing — escaped a shootout and had been on the run. Their uncle in Maryland, Ruslan Tsarni, pleaded on live television Friday: "Dzhokhar, if you are alive, turn yourself in and ask for forgiveness."

The bombings on Monday killed three people, including a student from China, and wounded more than 180, instantly raising the

The FBI shared its information with the foreign government, said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak about the case publicly. The official did not say what country made the request about Tamerlan Tsarnaev or why. Authorities in Boston suspended all mass transit and warned close to 1 million people in the entire city and some of its suburbs to stay indoors as the hunt for Suspect No. 2 went on. Businesses were asked not

based on what the two men told a carjacking victim during their getaway attempt overnight.

Shortly before Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's capture, the White House said President Barack Obama has spoken by phone with Russian President Vladimir Putin about the investigation.

Obama "praised the close cooperation that the United States has received from Russia on counterterrorism, including in the wake of the Boston attack," the White House said in a statement. □

Senator wants Boston attack considered in immigration debate

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WASHINGTON – A senior Republican senator said Friday that the approaching political debate about an immigration overhaul should take into account the revelation that the suspects in the Boston Marathon bombing had apparently emigrated to the United States from the former Soviet Union. Sen. Charles E. Grassley of Iowa, the most senior Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, opened a hearing on immigration legislation by stressing that the issue was important “particularly in light of all that’s happening in Massachusetts right now and over the last week.” “Given the events of this week, it’s important for us to understand the gaps and loopholes in our immigration system,” Grassley said in his opening statement. “While we don’t yet know the immigration status of people who have terrorized the communities in Massachusetts, when we find out it will help shed light on the

weaknesses of our system.” Friday’s hearing was expected to offer an early glimpse into how Demo-

owed by developments in the Boston bombing case, which also affected the meeting directly, as Home-

her appearance at the last minute to oversee the department’s involvement in the investigation. Accord-



Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee during a hearing on immigration reform, on Capitol Hill in Washington, April 19, 2013. Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), the senior Republican on the committee, said Friday that the approaching political debate about an immigration should take into account the that the suspected Boston Marathon bombers had apparently emigrated to the U.S. From left: Sens. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Grassley, Chairman Pat Leahy (D-Vt). Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.). (Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

crats and Republicans in the Senate would react to immigration legislation that a bipartisan group of senators introduced this week. Instead, it was overshad-

land Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, who was scheduled to testify before the committee on border security and enforcement, had to cancel

ing to homeland security officials, the two suspects – Dzhokhar A. Tsarnaev, 19, and his brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, who was killed after a police chase

– arrived in the country around 2003, as part of an asylum claim by their father. “How can individuals evade authorities and plan such attacks on our soil?” Grassley asked. “How can we beef up security checks on people who wish to enter the U.S.?” Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the bipartisan group behind the legislation, urged caution about linking the bombings to flaws in the country’s immigration system. “Before I get to the bill, I’d like to ask that all of us not jump to conclusions regarding the events in Boston, or try to conflate those events with this legislation,” Schumer said. “In general, we are a safer country when law enforcement knows who was here, has their fingerprints, photos, etc., has conducted background checks and no longer needs to look at needles through haystacks.” Referring to the legal immigration program through which the brothers most likely came to the country, Schumer added: “In addition, both the refugee program and the asylum program have been significantly strengthened in the past five years, such that we are much more careful about screening people and determining who should and should not be coming into the country.” The hearing formally kicked off consideration of a plan that would increase border security and would quickly legalize many of the 11 million unauthorized workers in the United States, eventually offering them a path to full citizenship. Opponents of the plan and conservative pundits had already begun citing the Boston bombings as a reason to move slowly.

But Grassley received a rebuke from both sides of the aisle. Asked by reporters about Grassley’s remarks, Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., who is part of a group working on similar immigration legislation in the House, said, “Linking something like that to other legislation I think is probably not appropriate at this time.” □

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Gov. Perry: Texas blast search, rescue largely complete

WEST, Texas (AP) — The bodies of 14 people have been recovered from the remnants of a tiny Texas

names of the dead were becoming known throughout the community of 2,800. Townspeople gath-

ered late Thursday for a service at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. "We don't know what to



Texas Gov. Rick Perry, left, speaks at a press conference with West, Texas Mayor Tommy Mouska, right, in West, Texas, Friday April 19, 2013. An explosion Wednesday night at a fertilizer plant near Waco sent flames shooting high into the night sky, leaving the factory a smoldering ruin, causing major damage at nearby buildings and injuring numerous people. (AP Photo/Mike Fuentes)

farm town that was rocked by a roaring explosion at a fertilizer plant, authorities said Friday, confirming for the first time the number of people who perished in the accident.

Officials did not identify those killed, but at least three of the dead were believed to be firefighters and other first-responders who rushed toward the West Fertilizer Co. to battle a fire that apparently touched off the blast.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry said search and rescue operations have been largely completed and that all affected buildings in West, Texas, had been cleared with possibly the exception of one burned home.

Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jason Reyes said he could not confirm how many first-responders had been killed. Efforts to search the devastated buildings were continuing, he added. The Wednesday evening explosion was strong enough to register as a small earthquake and could be heard for many miles across the Texas prairie. It demolished nearly everything for several blocks around the plant. More than 200 people were hurt. Even before investigators disclosed the fatalities, the

G-20 countries pledge stronger efforts

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

World finance leaders are pledging to pursue further actions to bolster a disappointingly weak global recovery. They also reaffirmed their commitment to avoid using their currencies as an economic weapon to gain unfair advantage in foreign trade.

Finance ministers and central bank presidents from the leading rich and developing nations, or Group of 20, wrapped up two days of talks Friday with a joint statement that said they had managed to avoid some of the biggest economic threats, but growth was still too weak in many countries and unemployment too high.

The joint statement revealed no major new policy initiatives but did urge the United States and some other countries to emphasize efforts to jump-start growth even if that meant less emphasis on deficit reduction in the near term.

"Further actions are required to make growth strong, sustainable and

balanced," the G-20 said in their joint statement.

The United States was represented at the talks by Treasury Secretary Jacob

think," the Rev. Ed Karasek told those gathered at the service. "Our town of West will never be the same, but we will persevere."

Christina Rodarte, who has lived in West for 27 years, said "everyone knows the first-responders, because anytime there's anything going on, the fire department is right there, all volunteer." The only fatality who has been publicly identified was Kenny Harris, a 52-year-old captain in the Dallas Fire Department who lived south of West. He was off-duty at the time but responded to the fire to help, according to a statement from the city of Dallas. Brenda Covey once lived in the now-leveled apartment complex across the street from the plant. On Thursday, she learned that two men she knew were dead, both of them volunteer firefighters. One

had been the best man at her nephew's wedding.

"Word gets around quick in a small town," said Covey, who has lived all her life in and around West.

Firefighter Darryl Hall, from Thorndale, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) away from West, was one of the rescue workers helping with the house-to-house search. "People's lives are devastated here. It's hard to imagine," Hall said.

Federal investigators and the state fire marshal's office planned to begin inspecting the blast site Friday to collect evidence that may point to a cause. Franceska Perot, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said investigators would begin at the perimeter of the explosion and work inward toward the destroyed fertilizer company. □



World Bank President Jim Yong Kim speaks at a news conference during the Spring Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund in Washington.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

Lew, who was attending his first G-20 meeting since taking office in late February, and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke. The discussions were led by Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov whose country is leading the G-20 this year. The G-20 joint statement singled out the recent aggressive credit-easing moves pushed by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, saying they

the G-20 did repeat language it used in February that all countries should not use their currency as a trade weapon and guard against policies that could trigger currency wars.

Japanese officials told reporters following the discussions that they were pleased by the support the G-20 had given them to pursue growth policies in an effort to lift the world's third largest economy out of its two-decade slump.

Haruhiko Kuroda, head of the Bank of Japan, said that Japan would continue with its monetary easing policies which he said were aimed at stimulating domestic growth and fighting deflation and not an effort to gain trade advantages. "There has been international understanding and acceptance of this so we can have further confidence to appropriately conduct monetary policy," he told reporters at a briefing after the G-20 talks ended. Siluanov told reporters at a news conference that the group did not spend as much time discussing currency issues as they had in February. □

Toyota will make Lexus sedan in Kentucky

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Toyota said Friday that it would build its Lexus luxury car for the first time in the United States, adding a production line and 750 new jobs to its plant in Georgetown, Ky., a move that underscored how foreign automakers are helping to sustain a manufacturing industry for automobiles. Toyota has been eager to bolster its Lexus brand in the United States, the automaker's biggest overseas market, where luxury car sales now outpace sales of other autos. Toyota also wants to shift more production from Japan to overseas markets to better insulate itself from the currency gyrations that have wreaked havoc with its bottom line in recent years. For communities like Georgetown, Toyota's decision to expand auto production came as a vote of confidence in U.S. auto manufacturing after years of painful cutbacks by domestic automakers. Despite that decline, the United States remains one of the top auto manufacturers and employers in the world, thanks to Japanese and other foreign automakers that have expanded production here.

Those foreign automakers are getting plenty of incentives. On Wednesday the Kentucky Economic Devel-

opment Finance Authority approved \$146.5 million in state tax benefits to help Toyota expand production in Georgetown, in a sign of how aggressively states are wooing companies that will create and maintain local manufacturing jobs.

"I feel like the state has just won the Kentucky Derby," Gov. Steven Beshear of Kentucky said as cheers erupted in a broadcast streamed live in New York

from Toyota's Georgetown plant. The site is Toyota's first wholly owned factory in the United States and its largest manufacturing plant outside of Japan. "We actually see Toyota as a Kentucky company," he said.

Toyota said it would invest \$360 million to install a new production line that will build about 50,000 of its flagship Lexus ES 350 sedans at Georgetown. The

move will increase annual production at the plant, which already assembles the Camry, Avalon and Venza models and employs about 6,600 people, to about 550,000 vehicles a year.

"For manufacturing, Kentucky is Toyota's home. It has some of the most experienced engineers in the world," Akio Toyoda, president of Toyota Motor, said in New York. □



From left: Mark Templin, managing officer of Toyota Motor Corporation, Jim Lentz, chief executive of Toyota's North American region, and Akio Toyoda, president of Toyota Motor Corporation, with a Lexus ES 350 during a news conference in New York, April 19, 2013. Toyota officials said the company would build its Lexus luxury car for the first time in the U.S., adding a production line and 750 new jobs to its plant in Georgetown, Ky.

(Tina Fineberg/The New York Times)

Florida fertilizer industry paying close attention to Texas disaster

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. -- Florida's fertilizer industry is watching the aftermath of an explosion Wednesday at a Texas fertilizer plant and, like the rest of the nation, waiting to find out what went wrong.

"We have never had anything remotely close to what happened there," said Mary Hartney, president of the Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Association in Lakeland.

In the last 15 years, a fertilizer plant in Frostproof burned to the ground, and there was also a fire that damaged a Fort Pierce plant, Hartney said. However, in neither case was there an explosion.

"That is why everybody is looking at Texas to figure out what happened," Hartney said.

"The Florida fertilizer industry is keeping the folks in Texas in our thoughts and prayers. When something like this happens, we all want to know how and why. We will take whatever lessons are learned and use them to continue to keep our facilities and communities safe," Hartney said.

The U.S. Chemical Safety Board has never investigated a fertilizer plant explosion before, but Managing Director Daniel Horowitz said that fertilizers have been involved in some severe accidents.

In 2001, an explosion at a chemical and fertilizer plant in Toulouse, France, killed 31 people and injured more than 2,000.

In 1947 in Texas City, a cargo ship holding more than 2,000 tons of ammonium nitrate caught fire and exploded, killing more than 500 people, Horowitz said.

Florida's fertilizer and agrichemical industries combined have sales of about \$7.3 billion a year, and an economic impact of \$15 billion, according to a 2012 report. □

Boy scouts move to lift ban on gays

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Seeking an elusive middle ground on an issue that has divided its ranks and drawn heated national debate, the Boy Scouts of America on Friday proposed ending its long-standing ban on openly gay scouts but continuing to bar gay adults from serving as leaders. The decision must be approved by the roughly 1,400 voting members of the Scouts' National Council at a meeting in Texas the week of May 20.

"No youth may be denied

membership in the Boy Scouts of America on the basis of sexual orientation or preference alone," the proposed policy states. But the organization "will maintain the current membership policy for all adult leaders." The proposal drew swift criticism from both sides as conservative Christians said the Boy Scouts had caved in to political pressure, and gay rights groups said they were perpetuating dangerous stereotypes about gay men and discrimination. The issue of gay members and leaders has particu-

larly tormented the Boy Scouts over the last year as the organization first said it would not change policy, then said it would, then put off a decision until this May's council meeting. The dismissal of a lesbian Cub Scout den leader, in particular, had received wide publicity, and gay rights groups stepped up a campaign for change. Several local governments and charities said they could not donate to the Scouts or sponsor troops because of its discrimination against gay people. □

On the other side, conservative politicians and religious groups urged the Boy Scouts to continue with the long-standing policy of ejecting boys and dismissing leaders who were openly gay.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the Roman Catholic Church, together, sponsor groups enrolling about one-fourth of all Scouts. Both churches have in the past said they might abandon the Boy Scouts if it altered its policy on gay members and leaders. □

US approves resumption of Boeing 787 flights

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal officials intend to lift the order grounding the beleaguered 787 Dreamliner after accepting Boeing's revamped battery system even though the root cause of battery failures that led to a fire on one plane and smoke on another remains unknown. The Federal Aviation Administration said Friday it would send airlines instructions and publish a notice next week lifting the 3-month-old grounding order that day. Boeing will then have the go-ahead to begin retrofitting planes with an enhanced lithium ion battery system.



A Boeing 787 flight test jet taxiing following a test flight, at Boeing Field, in Seattle. Boeing's beleaguered 787 Dreamliners will be able to resume flights under an order issued Friday by the Federal Aviation Administration.

(AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)

Dreamliner flights could resume within a week, the agency told mem-

bers of Congress. Boeing said it has stationed teams around the world to begin

installing the fix.

The FAA gave Boeing permission last month to test the revamped system, which includes additional insulation around each of the battery's eight cells to prevent a short circuit or fire in one of the cells from spreading to the others. The new system also includes enhanced venting of smoke and gas from inside the battery to outside the plane. A strengthened box to hold the battery is an effort to ensure that if a fire were to occur, it wouldn't escape to the rest of the plane.

Boeing has completed 20 separate tests of the new system, FAA Administrator Michael Huerta told Con-

gress earlier this week.

Boeing had delivered 50 planes to eight airlines in seven countries when a fire erupted in a battery aboard a Japan Airlines 787 parked at Boston's Logan International Airport on Jan. 7.

The FAA and other authorities grounded the entire fleet after a second incident nine days later led to an emergency landing by an All Nippon Airways 787 in Japan.

Boeing said new batteries and kits with the parts for the new battery systems are ready to be shipped immediately. The 787s will get the fix in approximately the order they were delivered, Boeing said. □

Airlines, pilots sue government to stop furloughs

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Predicting a nightmarish air travel snarl that will stretch from coast to coast, the U.S. airline industry and the nation's largest pilots union joined forces Friday to sue the Federal Aviation Administration over its decision to furlough air traffic controllers in order to achieve spending cuts required by Congress.

Two airline trade associations and the Air Line Pilots Association said they have filed a lawsuit asking the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington to stop the furloughs, which are scheduled to kick in on Sunday. However, the earliest the court is likely to schedule a hearing is sometime next week, after the furloughs have begun, said Nick Calio, head of Airlines for America, which represents major carriers.

The way in which the FAA has chosen to implement the furloughs could result in one out of every three airline passengers across the country suffering flight delays or cancellations, industry officials said at a news conference.

"The impact of these cuts

on our industry cannot be overstated," said Faye Black, vice president of the Regional Airline Association, which joined the suit. "We think there is not one airport in the nation that will be immune to this."

Sunday is a light air travel day, but by Monday the effects of the furloughs should start to "snowball," creating an air travel mess the equivalent of having a "Hurricane Sandy in the North and Hurricane Katrina in the South," said Lee Moak, president of the pilots union, said.

Federal officials have said they have no choice but to furlough all 47,000 of the FAA's employees, including nearly 15,000 controllers, if they hope to cut \$637 million from the agency's budget by the end of September, as required under automatic, across-the-board spending cuts imposed by Congress. Each employee will lose one day of work every other week, which will amount to a 10 percent reduction in available controller work hours to staff air traffic facilities on any given day.

FAA officials declined to comment on the lawsuit. The controller furloughs will

save the agency \$200 million, FAA Administrator Michael Huerta said earlier this week. But fewer controllers will mean planes have to take off and land

less frequently so as not to overload controllers on duty, he said. An FAA analysis released Thursday said fewer controllers will mean major delays at some of

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Pro- and anti-Islamist protesters clash in Egypt

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CAIRO (AP) — Supporters and opponents of Egypt's Islamist president battled in the streets near Tahrir Square on Friday as an Islamist rally demanding a purge of the judiciary devolved into violence.

The rally centered on a contentious aspect of the country's deep political polarization — the courts. Islamist backers of President Mohammed Morsi say the judiciary is infused with former regime loyalists who are blocking his policies, while opponents fear Islamists want to take over the courts and get rid of secular-minded judges to consolidate the Muslim Brotherhood's power.

But beyond the specific issues, the scenes of youths from both sides waving homemade pistols and beating each other with sticks illustrated how entrenched violence has become in Egypt's political crisis. In recent weeks,

several marches and rallies by the country's various camps have devolved into street battles, fueling the bitterness on all sides. Thousands of Morsi supporters — mostly backers of the Muslim Brotherhood and

Islamist hard-liners — held rallies Friday outside the High Court building in Cairo and in the coastal city of Alexandria, demanding the "cleansing of the judiciary."

The marches appeared

aimed at presenting Islamists' actions on the courts as a popular "demand of the revolution." Islamist lawmakers who dominate the legislature have announced plans to begin debating a bill regulating

final bill.

"Go for it Morsi and we are behind you. Cleanse the judiciary," thousands of Islamists chanted outside the High Court building. Some, mainly followers of ultra-conservative cleric Hazem Abu Ismail, waved black Islamic flags.

As some Islamists moved toward Cairo's Tahrir Square, they were met by anti-Morsi youth a few blocks from the square, some of them in black masks. It was not clear who started the clashes, but it led to both sides pelting each other with stones and firing gunshots. One bus was seen set on fire. The sound of birdshot cracked through the air in the clashes, and tear gas was fired — even though there were no police nearby.

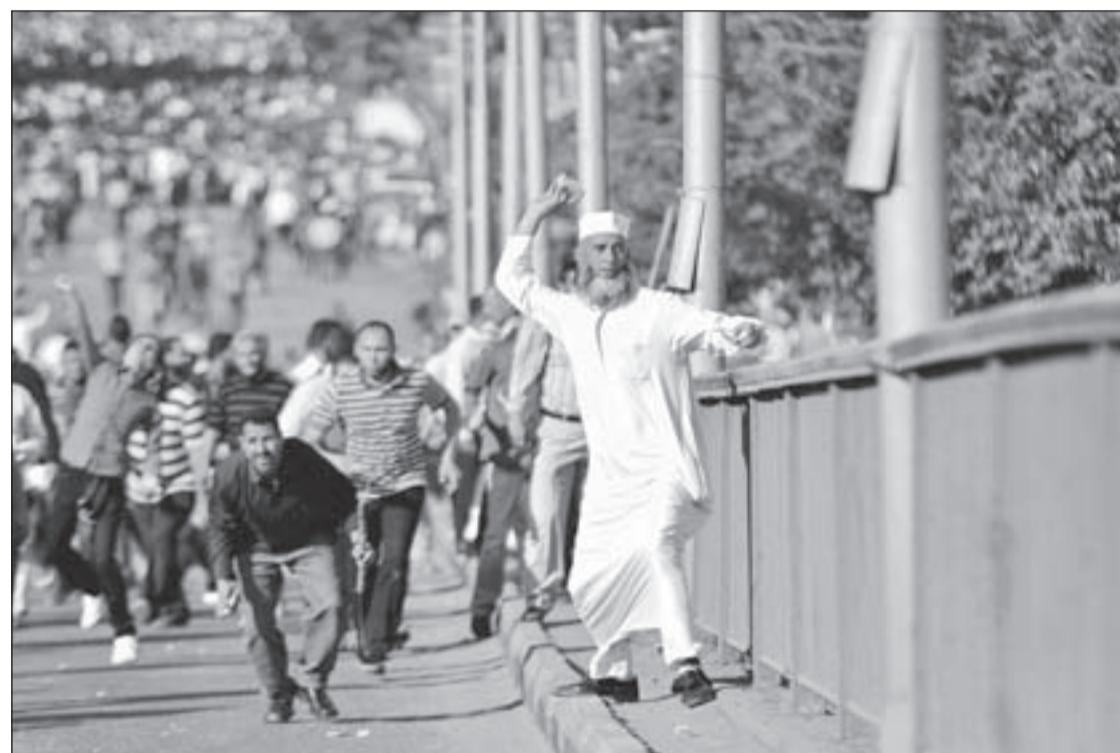
Some of the masked youths and Islamists were seen with homemade pistols. Others wielded iron bars and tree branches and broke up street pavements to throw the chunks of asphalt and concrete. More than 80 people were injured, according to the state news agency MENA.

Amid the battles, Islamists were seen dragging rivals to the ground and beating them.

In one case, they beat a protester then shoved him into an ambulance, forced the ambulance workers out and drove off in the vehicle.

Ahmed Hamdi, a Muslim Brotherhood supporter at the scene, blamed the anti-Morsi protesters for the violence, calling them "thugs" and saying they set the bus on fire.

"The whole story is they see that Islamists are now in power. They can't swallow this, that Islamists rule them. It's a battle with the old regime," he said. □



An Egyptian man throws a stone during clashes between rival groups of protesters in Cairo, Egypt, Friday, April 19, 2013. Several hundred supporters and opponents of Egypt's President Mohammed Morsi clashed near Cairo's Tahrir Square amid a rally calling on Morsi to "cleanse the judiciary."

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the judiciary, presenting it as aimed at ensuring the independence of courts they contend are dominated by supporters of ousted leader Hosni Mubarak.

But opponents believe the Islamists aim to remove judges and install new ones who support their agenda. In an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper this month, the former head of the Brotherhood, Mehdi Akef, called the judiciary "sick" and "corrupt" and said a new law could force out 3,500 of Egypt's approximately 13,000 judges and prosecution officials by lowering the retirement age to 60 from 70 — though it remains to be seen if lowering the age will be in the

Fitch cuts British AAA bond rating

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Fitch Ratings on Friday stripped the U.K. of its cherished top AAA credit score, citing a weaker economic outlook that continues to hinder the country in keeping control of its debt.

Fitch becomes the second major ratings agency to downgrade its rating for the U.K. to AA+. Though Fitch said the country had fiscal financing flexibility helped by the strength of the pound, it warned of problems ahead due to higher-than-projected debt and deficits.

"The fiscal space to absorb further adverse economic and financial shocks is no longer consistent with a 'AAA' rating," Fitch said in a statement.

Britain's government took the announcement in stride and declared that the rating was proof that the country could not walk away from its troubles. It took strength in the fact that Fitch gave the country a "stable" outlook.

"Though it is taking time, we are fixing this country's economic problems," the Treasury said in a statement. "The deficit is down by a third, a million and a quarter new private-sector jobs have been created and the credibility we have earned means households and businesses are benefiting from near record low interest rates."

The British government, which has long played on its AAA rating as a sign of its economic might, has been pursuing a harsh program of spending cuts and tax increases designed to reduce the nation's hefty deficit, which Fitch put at 7.4 percent of the country's economic output. □

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Italy parliament fails again to tap president

FRANCES D'EMILIO
Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Italy's polarized Parliament failed in a second day of balloting Friday to elect a president, as the high-profile candidacy of ex-Premier Romano Prodi fell far short of the votes needed. The rebuff deepened the political paralysis gripping the eurozone's third-largest economy.

Prodi, the only politician to defeat media mogul Silvio Berlusconi for the premier's office, was the center-left latest choice to be Italy's next head of state, replacing President Giorgio Napolitano, whose 7-year term expires next month.

Berlusconi bitterly opposed the bid to tap Prodi, a onetime archrival who had defeated him twice for the premiership. The president's duties include tapping someone to try to form Italy's next government and end two months of political gridlock. Berlusconi ordered his forces to boycott the vote Friday afternoon, and they did.

In the latest fourth round of balloting, Prodi garnered 395 votes, far short of the 504 simple majority needed. In theory, it should have been easier for Parliament to elect a president, because the previous three rounds of voting had required a two-thirds majority.

But center-left leader Pier Luigi Bersani, who was frustrated in forming a government following inconclusive nationwide elections in February, was humiliated again, this time by his own splintering party, and he also failed to draw enough support outside his bloc to rally behind the widely-respected Prodi, a former European Union commission president.

Bersani and fellow Demo-

catic leaders huddled into the night, trying to regain a grip on their unraveling party. Italian media quoted sources inside the closed-door session as saying he blasted traitors

A fifth round of voting was scheduled for Saturday, when Bersani loyalists planned to cast blank ballots in a stalling tactic until they can come up with a new candidate.



Senator Alessandra Mussolini, shows a T-shirt reading "No this No, The Devil wears Prodi", left, to Parliament President Laura Boldrini during a vote on a new president in Rome, Friday, April 19, 2013. (AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia)

within the party's ranks, after calculating that about one-quarter of its lawmakers didn't vote for Prodi. Bersani was also quoted as saying he would quit the party leadership once a president is finally elected.

"I think Prodi's candidacy is finished," said Matteo Renzi, an upstart rival of Bersani in his Democratic Party. Speaking to reporters in Florence, where he is mayor, Renzi was quick to blame Prodi's defeat in the

secret vote on defectors in their bickering party.

One possibility for another candidate touted by commentators was Massimo D'Alema, an ex-premier and former leader of the now defunct Italian Communist Party, which eventually morphed into the Democratic Party. Berlusconi's bloc is generally considered open to him.

The push for Prodi by the center-left, which controls the Chamber of Deputies, took shape after a candidate backed by both the left and the right failed to win in two rounds of voting a day earlier.

But the Prodi candidacy seemed to only further polarize lawmakers.

One right-wing lawmaker, Alessandra Mussolini, sported a protest T-shirt as the fourth round of voting began.

"The devil wears Prodi," read the shirt's back, which the granddaughter of late dictator Benito Mussolini showed off to photographers in the Chamber of Deputies. The slogan riffed on a popular film about the fashion world. □

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Serbia, Kosovo reach tentative deal on relations

DON MELVIN

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Serbia and Kosovo reached a potentially historic agreement Friday to normalize relations between the Balkan neighbors, end years of acrimony and put them both on a solid path to European Union membership. The tentative deal culminated months of tense negotiations and showed determination of both Serbian Prime Minister Ivica Dacic and Kosovo Prime Minister Hashim Thaci, EU negotiator Catherine Ashton said. "What we are seeing is a step away from the past and for both of them a step closer to Europe," Ashton, the EU's foreign policy chief, said.

In what would be an extraordinary change, the deal appeared to recognize the authority of the Kosovo government over the north of the country, which is inhabited predominantly by ethnic Serbs. But Dacic appeared to indicate there was a chance the deal could still come unstuck, saying Serbia's

top leadership would decide whether to accept or reject the tentative agreement "in the next few days."

Details of the agreement were scant, but Dacic said it was "better than any other we were offered in the past."

Kosovo, a former province of Serbia, declared independence in 2008. Over the years, Belgrade has said it would never recognize the sovereignty of Kosovo, which is considered by Serbia's nationalists to be the cradle of the country's medieval statehood and religion.

Kosovo has been recognized by more than 90 countries including the U.S. and 22 of the EU's 27 members. Because of a blockade by Serbian allies Russia and China in the Security Council, Kosovo is not a U.N. member.

But U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed "the landmark agreement between Belgrade and Pristina," according to a statement from his office. "He strongly encourages

the parties to conclude this historic process and take concrete measures for a faithful implementation of

its troops out of the region after a three-month bombing campaign. Ending the partition of Kosovo be-



Kosovo Prime Minister Hashim Thaci, right, and Serbian Prime Minister Ivica Dacic, left, pose with EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Friday, April 19, 2013. The prime ministers of Serbia and Kosovo closed a tentative deal to normalize the relationship between the Balkan neighbors and end years of acrimony.

(AP Photo/Yves Logghe)

the agreement," the statement added. "The United Nations stands ready to assist the parties in this endeavor."

Serbia relinquished control of most of Kosovo in 1999 when NATO chased

tween the Albanian majority and the Serb-controlled north — about a fifth of the country — is a key condition of Serbia's further progress toward EU membership.

The status of northern Kosovo

, which is inhabited primarily by ethnic Serbs who do not recognize Kosovo's predominantly ethnic Albanian government, has been among the thorniest issues of the talks.

Northern Kosovo Serb hard-line leaders rejected the tentative deal, saying they will refuse to implement it. They also announced the formation of their own "assembly" — a move tantamount to proclaiming independence from the rest of Kosovo.

"We stand by our agreement not to allow the implementation of the agreement," Kosovo Serb leader Krstimir Pantic said. Thaci said reaching an agreement had been difficult, and there were people in both countries who wouldn't be happy with it. But he said it represented a new era. "This agreement will help us heal the wounds of the past if we have the wisdom and the knowledge to implement it in practice," he said. □

Musharraf arrested, held after brief freedom

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ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's former military leader, Pervez Musharraf, was arrested and moved into police custody Friday — a move that is unprecedented in a country where the military has held sway for decades, and that showed the determination of the judiciary to hold him accountable for his time in power.

A day after Musharraf fled a courtroom in dramatic circumstances to his fortified villa on the edge of the capital, Islamabad, police took him to court in the central part of the city, where a magistrate placed him under arrest. Hours later, after briefly returning home, he was taken to the city police headquarters, where he was being held pending his next court appearance on charges relating to his battle with the country's top judges while in office.

The travails of Musharraf, 69, a former army chief,

furthered the humiliation of a figure who enjoyed absolute power in Pakistan for much of his rule, from 1999 to 2008. But it also raised new questions about why he returned to the country in the first place.

Little has gone well for Musharraf since he returned last month from four years of self-imposed exile. Shortly after his arrival, a critic flung a shoe at him in public. Since then he has been mostly confined to his Islamabad villa.

"Musharraf obviously overestimated his popularity," Raza Rumi, a political analyst, said in an interview. "He was delusional in thinking he could ride out the storm, and he underestimated the resolve of the judges." By late Friday, Musharraf was being detained on the grounds of the Islamabad police headquarters, in a guesthouse that is normally used to house visiting police officers. The current case against Musharraf centers

on his controversial decision to dismiss and place under house arrest Pakistan's top judges in November 2007, when he declared emergency rule in a bid to shore up his crumbling authority.

Separately, he faces charges in relation to the murders of Benazir Bhutto, the former prime minister, and Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti, a nationalist leader of Baluchistan province. And some critics are even calling for him to be tried for high treason.

In a statement, Musharraf criticized the charges as "politically motivated" and vowed to fight them in court, "where the truth will eventually prevail." The U.S. government, which had closely allied with Musharraf after the September 2001 terrorist attacks, moved to distance itself from him. In a statement, the U.S. Embassy stressed that it took "no position" on Musharraf or the legal proceedings against him. □



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Syria battles smolder as US readies aid for rebels

BARBARA SURK
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — An artillery shell slammed into a pickup truck, killing nine members of a family during fierce fighting on Friday in Syria as U.S. officials said the Obama administration is poised to send millions more in non-lethal military aid to rebels trying to oust President Bashar Assad.

The attack that killed one woman, her four children and four nieces and nephews, who were all under 12, was the latest carnage to hit the northern town of Saraqeb. Just days earlier, a government airstrike killed at least 20 people, shattering store fronts and setting cars ablaze in the strategic town in Idlib province on the main highway from Syria's largest urban center of Aleppo.

Rebels have wrested much of the countryside of Idlib and other provinces in the north from regime forces, although government troops still control many military bases in the region from which they launch attacks — including airstrikes — on opposition-held areas. Also on Friday, another 18 people were killed in heavy fighting in and around Homs, the



Anti-Syrian regime protesters carrying a banner expressing condolences to the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing during a demonstration, at Kafr Nabil town, in Idlib province, northern Syria, Friday April 19, 2013.

(AP Photo/ENN)

country's third largest city near the Lebanese border, and a Syrian Army official was assassinated northeast of the capital, Damascus. The state-run SANA news agency said "terrorists" — the government's word for opposition fighters — shot and killed Syrian Army Col. Tamim Abdullah as he was driving home in Barzeh. The assassination was the latest in a series of killings of government and security officials and regime

supporters in the capital. A day earlier, Ali Ballan, the head of public relations at the Ministry of Social Affairs and a member of Syria's relief agency, was killed by gunmen as he was dining in a restaurant in Mazzeh, a western Damascus neighborhood.

More than 70,000 people have been killed so far in the Syrian conflict, which began with largely peaceful protests against Assad's regime in March 2011 but

eventually turned into a civil war. The U.N. Security Council has been deadlocked for months on the Syrian war, and even the most modest attempts to end the bloodshed have failed.

Western and Arab nations blame the conflict

on Assad's government. Russia insists on assigning equal blame for the suffering to the Syrian opposition and rebels fighting on the ground, and has cast vetoes, along with China, to block draft council resolutions. A U.N. envoy on Friday gave the Security Council a grim assessment of the two-year war, saying that the Assad government had been uncooperative in negotiations.

In Washington, U.S. officials said Secretary of State John Kerry was expected to announce a significant expansion of non-lethal military aid to the Syrian opposition at an international conference on Syria he will attend Saturday in Turkey. The officials told The Associated Press that Kerry is expected to announce a contribution of between \$120 million and \$130 million in defensive military supplies, which could include body armor, armored vehicles, night vision goggles and advanced communications equipment. □

Irish jury:

Poor care killed woman denied abortion

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Associated Press

DUBLIN (AP) — A miscarrying Indian woman who died from blood poisoning in an Irish hospital after being denied an abortion perished because staff bungled her diagnosis and didn't give her prompt treatment, a jury unanimously ruled Friday in a case that has divided Ireland.

The findings from a two-week coroner's inquest into the causes of Savita Halappanavar's Oct. 28 death at University Hospital Galway confirmed what her widower, Praveen, has maintained all along: Hospital staff refused to give his wife an abortion citing the country's Catholic social

policies, waited three days until the 17-week-old fetus had died, then discovered she was in an advanced state of septicemia. She died three-and-a-half days later from organ failure.

At the conclusion of his fact-finding probe the Galway coroner, Dr. Ciaran MacLoughlin, praised Praveen Halappanavar for his courage in protesting publicly against his wife's medical treatment at the western Ireland hospital, where doctors had refused to perform a termination while the fetus retained a heartbeat. Halappanavar then shook the hands of the six-man, five-woman jury that ruled she died from "medical misadventure," meaning incompe-

tence in her care. Outside, he said legal action would continue to try to make particular staff responsible for her death. He said the hospital's inaction for several days of his wife's deteriorating health during a drawn-out, painful miscarriage meant she might as well have stayed at home.

"Medicine is all about improving patients' health and life. And look what they did. She was left there to die. It's horrendous, barbaric and inhuman the way Savita was treated in that hospital," said Praveen Halappanavar, speaking on the day that would have been the couple's fifth wedding anniversary. □

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After long period of quiet, Guantanamo grows tense

BEN FOX

Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL

BASE, Cuba (AP) — The

morning routine started before dawn with a prisoner chanting the Muslim call to prayer through a small opening in the heavy steel door of his cell as soldiers with face shields quietly paced in the dimly lit corridor. The calm did not last long.

Within minutes, troops began rushing about, the words "code yellow" echoing through their handheld radios. The emergency was a prisoner in another cell-block who did not appear to be moving, prompting the urgent call to the medics to come check him, something they have been called upon to do many times in recent weeks, said the Army captain in charge of the maximum-security section of the Guantanamo Bay prison known as Camp 5.

"Recently, it's been happening very frequently," said the captain, whose name the military would not allow to be released for security reasons.

Officials later said the man who sparked the alarm Thursday was OK, merely faint and dizzy, and he did not have to be hospitalized as others have had amid a weeks-old hunger strike at the prison. Still, it was an illustration of just how tense Guantanamo has become of late, with more than a third of prisoners refusing to eat and nearly everyone locked down for most of the day since a violent clash with guards on April

13. At least two detainees have tried to kill themselves since that confrontation between guards in riot gear and prisoners with broomsticks and metal bars.

Prison officials opened the prison to journalists from The Associated Press and three other news organizations this week, portraying the atmosphere as tense but under control at this detention center that has been open for 11 years and now holds 166 men, most without charge.

The visit came with certain restrictions. Among them was a prohibition on identifying by name certain officials, such as the Muslim cultural affairs adviser who blamed the recent troubles, including the expanding hunger strike, on a small group of jihadist "troublemakers" who he says are trying to make sure at least one fellow prisoner commits suicide.

"Are they done? No, they are not done yet. And there will be more than one death," said the Arab-American adviser, who goes by the name "Zak" and has worked at the prison since September 2005. Seven prisoners have killed themselves over the years at Guantanamo. The most recent, last September, was Adnan Latif, who took an overdose of prescription psychiatric medicine. Though the government had accused him of training with the Taliban in Afghanistan, he was not being prosecuted nor could he be sent back to his native Yemen, which is considered too unstable to



Navy Capt. Robert Durand stands next to some of the makeshift weapons, including broomsticks and batons made of plastic and steel, that were confiscated from prisoners at the Guantanamo Bay prison following a Saturday clash between prisoners and guards, on display for the press at the U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

(AP Photo/Ben Fox)

control former Guantanamo prisoners.

It is the uncertainty over when, if ever, the men held at Guantanamo will be released that has caused widespread despair and frustration among prisoners, lawyers for the men say. President Barack Obama ordered the detention center closed upon taking office, but Congress thwarted him and made it harder to move prisoners elsewhere. Releases and transfers have since become rare.

"Until such time as our government starts to do the right thing in connection with Guantanamo Bay, the frustration is only going

to continue to build, and I can't imagine what the outcome will be," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Bogucki, a military lawyer visiting clients at the base this week.

The biggest concern has been that dozens of men had covered the security cameras in their cells with plastic cereal bowls, making it impossible for guards to monitor them and make sure they weren't attempting suicide, officials said. The troops, meanwhile, did not risk entering and perhaps setting off a melee with prisoners — at least not until April 13, when commanders decided to move nearly every prisoner back to individual cells.

"We were trying to be patient and work with them and give them an opportunity to comply," Bogdan said. "We hit the point where we were accepting too much risk and it was time to take action."

The raid touched off a clash between guards and several dozen prisoners, but authorities say it lasted only a few minutes, with two guards and five prisoners suffering minor injuries.

All but a handful of the prison's 166 prisoners are now in individual cells, allowed out for only about two hours a day, returning to conditions that human rights groups previously called inhumane, especially for men who have not been convicted of a crime. Bogdan and other officials said they will gradually allow some detainees — even those participating in the hunger strike — to return to communal living if they follow prison rules.

As of Friday, the military counted 63 prisoners on hunger strike, up from 43 during the confrontation, including four in the detainee hospital for observation. □

Haiti renames International Airport for Hugo Chavez

POR-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Haiti is naming an airport in the country's north after the late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, an official said Thursday.

Cap-Haitien International Airport will now be called the Hugo Chavez International Airport, said Gary Bodeau, a spokesman for Prime Minister Laurent La-

mothe.

The airport's 17,500-foot runway was repaved in October with a loan from the Venezuelan government.

The repair came just in time for the inauguration of an industrial park in the north that is largely financed by the U.S. government.

Like the U.S., Venezuela

has been one of Haiti's biggest supporters. Venezuela pledged \$1.2 billion for Haiti, more than any other country, following the 2010 earthquake but has released just \$222 million.

Venezuela's PetroCaribe fund has also helped Haiti. Haiti has used millions of money from the pact that was created in 2005 to pay

for fuel, renovate power stations and develop a social program for the country's poorest people.

Both Lamothe and President Michel Martelly attended Chavez's funeral and Martelly left Haiti on Thursday to attend the inauguration of Venezuelan President-elect Nicolas Maduro. □

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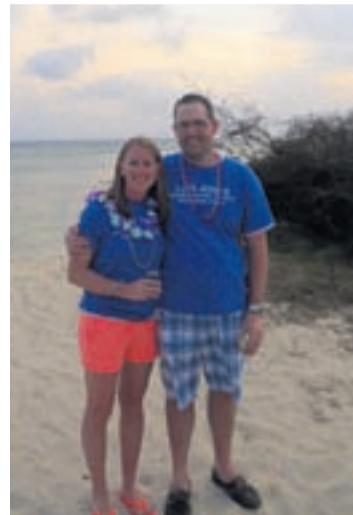


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Can any team stand the Heat in NBA playoffs?

Fans cheer during the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game between the Miami Heat and Chicago Bulls in Miami, Sunday, April 14, 2013. The Heat won 105-93.

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A Boston Bruins jersey with the number of Boston's area code and the words "Boston Strong" hangs in the locker of Bruins player Jay Pandolfo at TD Garden in Boston, Wednesday, April 17, 2013, after an NHL hockey game against the Buffalo Sabres in the aftermath of Monday's Boston Marathon bombings.

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Red Sox, Bruins postpone games during manhunt

HOWARD ULMAN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The Red Sox and Bruins postponed their games Friday while authorities searched for a suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings and officials warned nearly 1 million people to stay indoors. The teams announced about four hours before their night games were scheduled to start that they were scratched.

Police identified two suspects in Monday's explosions that killed three people and wounded more than 180. One suspect was killed during a shootout with police and the other was being sought in a massive manhunt that lasted much of Friday.

TOP CHOICE



Miami Heat forward LeBron James, center, dunks during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Milwaukee Bucks, Tuesday, April 9, 2013, in Miami.

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Authorities in Boston suspended all mass transit, used by many fans to travel to games, and told people in the entire city and some of its suburbs to stay indoors as the hunt for Suspect No. 2 went on. Businesses were asked not to open. People waiting at bus and subway stops were asked to go home.

No makeup date was announced for the opener of the Red Sox three-game series against the Kansas City Royals scheduled at Fenway Park. Saturday's game, set to start at 1:35 p.m., was still on.

The NHL game between the Bruins and the Pittsburgh Penguins, two of the top four teams in the Eastern Conference, at TD Garden was tentatively rescheduled for Saturday at 12:30 p.m. A final decision on whether it would be played then would be



United States soldiers walk outside TD Garden before a Boston Bruins hockey game against the Buffalo Sabres in Boston, Wednesday, April 17, 2013, in the aftermath of Monday's Boston Marathon bombings.

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made by four hours before faceoff, the Bruins said. Saturday night's originally scheduled game between the Buffalo Sabres and Penguins in Pittsburgh was rescheduled for Tuesday night.

Capacity at Fenway Park, about one mile from the finish line, is 37,493 for night games. Capacity at TD Garden is 17,565.

But Red Sox players and other team employees had been told to stay home until a decision was made on whether the game would be played, and the massive police effort involved in the manhunt made security for the games difficult.

Red Sox spokesman Kevin Gregg said the Royals have been in town since

Wednesday night and spent their off day in the city on Thursday.

The Royals are staying at the Westin Copley Place hotel, about a block from the marathon finish line.

"We've been told not to go outside. We've been told the hotel has been locked down, although I've seen a handful of people moving around," Royals vice president Mike Swanson said. "The streets are just, wow. It's numbingly quiet for a noon hour in Boston."

The Bruins also announced that the sale of playoff tickets, scheduled to start at 11 a.m. on Friday, has been put off until 11 a.m. Monday.

The New England Patriots postponed for the second time a news conference with director of player personnel Nick Caserio about next week's NFL draft. The news conference originally had been scheduled for Tuesday but was postponed after the bombings. It has been rescheduled for

Monday.

Also postponed was the National Women's Soccer League game on Saturday between the Boston Breakers and FC Kansas City in Overland Park, Kan. No makeup date was announced.

The decision was based on "increased security measures that have impacted travel from the area," NWSL executive director Cheryl Bailey said.

The league also said it would conduct a moment of silence before the national anthem at two games this weekend.

The bombings already have resulted in two major pro sports games in Boston getting scratched — the Bruins against the Ottawa Senators last Monday night and the Indiana Pacers against the Celtics on Tuesday night. The Bruins game was rescheduled for April 28. The Celtics game was canceled outright, and the NBA's regular season ended on Wednesday. □

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Nadal and Djokovic reach Monte Carlo semis

JEROME PUGMIRE
AP Sports Writer

MONACO (AP) — Rafael Nadal was pushed all the way by Grigor Dimitrov before winning his 45th straight match at the Monte Carlo Masters, reaching the semifinals with a 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 victory and staying on course for a rematch of last year's final against Novak Djokovic. The top-ranked Djokovic had less of a struggle against Jarkko Nieminen, beating the Finnish veteran 6-4, 6-3 and getting through another test on his troublesome right ankle. Nadal dropped only his third set in his last five tournaments here — the previous ones coming against Andy Murray in the 2011 semifinals and Djokovic in the 2009 final — and he was under pressure at 30-30 in the eighth game of the final set before nailing a crucial serve. "I know that when you have these tough matches, is deci-

sive to keep fighting. If you keep fighting, you will lose some, but you will have a chance to win a lot of ones," Nadal said. "So is very important (to) win these kinds of matches. That changes your year. I know that. I have experience on that. I always did well (in) these kinds of things." Nadal returned to action in February after a long spell out to recover from a left-knee injury, and the Spaniard said he is not still at his best — even though he is still on course to reach a fifth straight final since his comeback.

"I didn't play tennis for seven months. I am losing little bit intensity of the match for moments. I need time. I think I need time to play with top rhythm all the match," Nadal said. "So the body in general needs, I don't know, to adapt another time, readapt to the competition, to this high level of intensity."

He is set to get another sharp test on Saturday, against sixth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France, while Djokovic takes on the unseeded Fabio Fognini of Italy. The Serb twisted his ankle two weeks ago while on Davis Cup duty against the United States, but said the injury was improving.

"It was great, very solid from the back of the court and played with a lot of intensity," Djokovic said. "It's a big step for me. It's great, very positive news. I didn't feel the ankle was bothering me today. I was right there on the court. We played a lot of long rallies ... I'm really glad things are going in the right direction." Nadal sealed the victory on his second match point with an ace, after Dimitrov saved the first one with a forehand winner of astonishing power from the back of the court, made even more spectacular as he was limping. "He's



France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga plays a return to Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland during their quarter final match of the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters tournament in Monaco, Friday, April 19, 2013.

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a great player and he has all the shots. He has everything to be a really, really good player. So depends on him," Nadal said. "I think he has a similar style (to Roger Federer). Everybody can see that."

As a 17-year-old, Dimitrov also took a set off Nadal at the ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament in Rotterdam, Netherlands, and

he thrilled the center court crowd with a superb display of attacking tennis punctuated by exquisite drop shots and ferociously struck winners off both backhand and forehand.

By regularly taking the ball early, Dimitrov unsettled Nadal's rhythm and the seven-time French Open champ was unable to dictate play. □

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Is there a challenge for Heat in playoffs?

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

Looking for a reason not to pick the Miami Heat to win another NBA title?

Don't check the odds, where the Heat are such an overwhelming favorite that it might as well be Tiger Woods against a weekend hacker.

Definitely don't bother with the Heat's results, which show exactly three losses since the start of February. And certainly don't look on the court, where LeBron James sent season-long reminders that he's better than ever and already the best in the world.

The only people who might really believe in caution are the Heat themselves.

"There's going to be trials

and tribulations no matter what, no matter how good of a team you are," Dwyane Wade said. "There's going to be a moment in the playoffs where our back is going to be against the wall. And I think everything we've done this season will prepare us for that moment. We have a goal, just like every other team that gets into the playoffs, to win a championship. But we understand the process that it takes."

It starts on Saturday with four first-round games. The Heat will open on Sunday against Milwaukee in what's expected to be a quick series.

Then it will be up to someone like the New York Knicks, Oklahoma City



Miami Heat's LeBron James, center, reacts from the bench to a foul called on teammate Ray Allen, not shown, in the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Philadelphia 76ers, Saturday, April 6, 2013, in Miami. At left is the Juwan Howard and at right is Mario Chalmers. The Heat won 106-87.

Associated Press

Thunder, San Antonio Spurs, or some other con-

tender, to prove that the next two months aren't just a formality.

"They've had the best record and they're the defending champs so they're the team to beat, but I don't think it's much beyond that," Brooklyn Nets interim coach P.J. Carlesimo said. "No, I don't think anybody is head and shoulders over anyone. There's too many good teams."

New York, which won three out of four from Miami, hosts Boston on Saturday in the playoff opener. The Nets welcome Chicago for the first postseason game in Brooklyn, while the Western Conference has Golden State visiting Denver, and the Los Angeles Clippers and Memphis Grizzlies squaring off in a first-round rematch.

On Sunday, the Lakers go to San Antonio without Kobe Bryant, and defending West champ Oklahoma City faces former Thunder star James Harden and Houston. Indiana and Atlanta meet in the other East game.

Miami went 66-16 and has been so dominant that the betting site Bovada gave the Heat odds to win the championship that it said were "unheard of in recent years" — and then had to lower them when most of the betting was coming in on the Heat, anyway.

That dropped Miami to a

2-to-3 favorite, meaning a \$3 bet only won \$2 more.

The Heat were 2-to-9 favorites to win the East, where Indiana and Chicago also beat them multiple times during the regular season. But the Heat are better this season than last. With Ray Allen, Chris Andersen and Rashard Lewis, they have added players who were able to win games for them even when they chose to rest their superstars.

There is much more intrigue out West, especially in the two series involving Los Angeles teams. The Clippers and Grizzlies went seven games last year before the Clippers advanced, and this time they have the home-court advantage. The Lakers didn't even clinch a playoff spot until Wednesday, but they won their final five games and look dangerous even without Bryant thanks to the inside play of Dwight Howard and Pau Gasol.

The Lakers and Spurs had one of the NBA's best postseason rivalries in the last decade, and this one could join their list of memorable series.

The highlight in the East could be in the Boston-New York series. The Knicks ended the Celtics' five-year reign as Atlantic Division champions with their first division title since 1994, with Carmelo Anthony leading the NBA with 28.7 points per game. □

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Another MVP for LeBron seems likely

TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) — There has never been a unanimously voted MVP in the history of the NBA. Not Wilt Chamberlain, not Bill Russell, not Shaquille O'Neal, not Michael Jordan. LeBron James might soon change that.

At least, the Miami Heat believe he should. After finally winning that first NBA title last June, James was better than ever in his first year as a champion. He led the league in field goals, despite being seventh in shots attempted. He established career-bests in shooting percentage, 3-point percentage, rebounds per game and double-doubles — and did it all while taking fewer shots per game than at any point in his 10-year career.

So those are just a few of the many reasons why the Heat are overwhelming favorites to win it all once again in these playoffs, which open this weekend. Miami will meet Milwaukee in the first round starting on Sunday.

"Numbers aren't why I play this game of basketball," James said. "Numbers have never been why I play the game. That's not how I was taught to play the game."

James has said he plays for only one thing — titles.

"He came off one of the more historic MVP seasons with a championship. Most people, the human condition would have been to relax and say, 'OK, that's the pinnacle,'" Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "But instead, he wanted to push and find another barrier. And that's why we don't want to, he doesn't want to, put a ceiling on how far he can go. ... He's a player that could conceivably continue to get better."

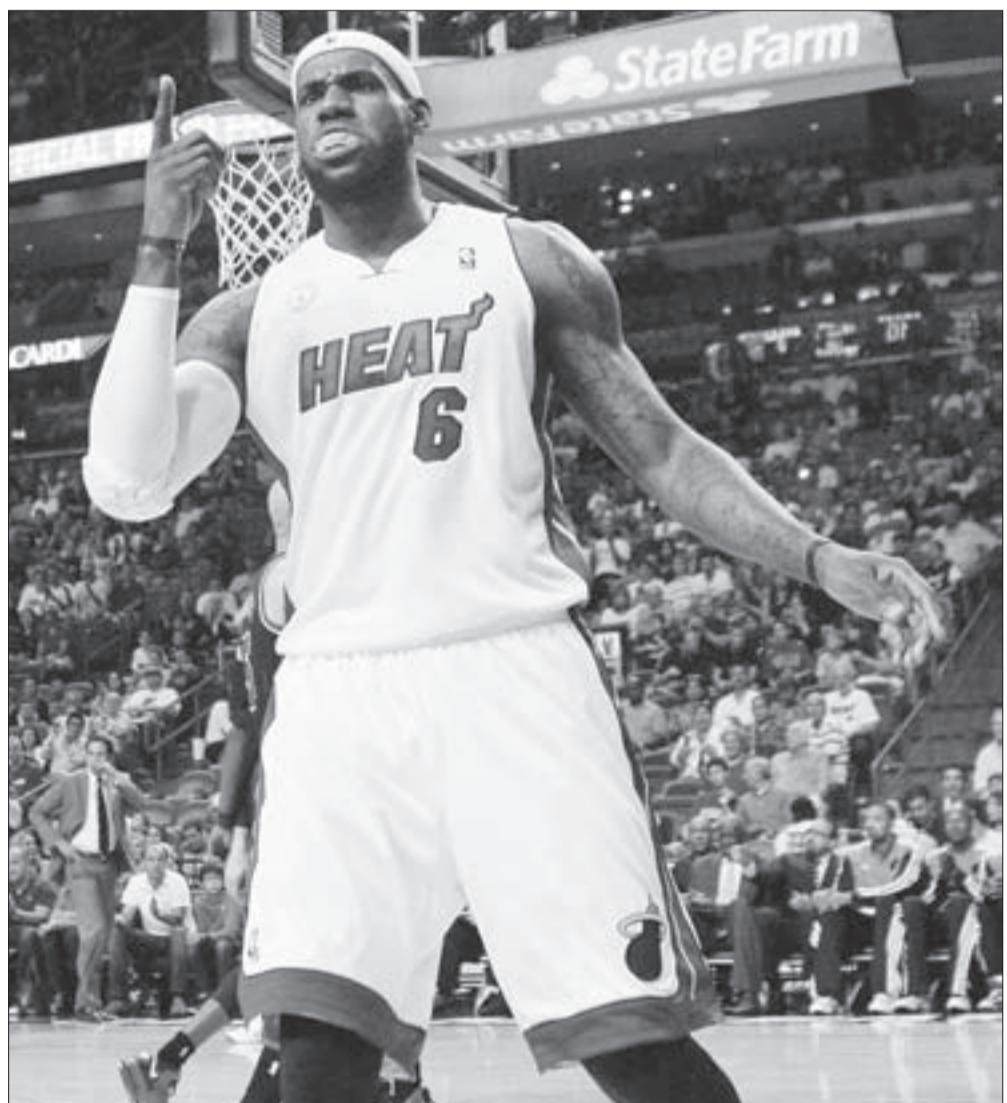
James shot 56.5 percent this season and made 103 3-pointers — no one in league history has ever shot so well and made so many shots in a season from beyond the arc. In the metric known as PAR, that being an acronym for points, assists and rebounds per game, James led the league for the fifth time in six seasons. He led the league in field goals, but was only seventh

in shots attempted. He could have missed 348 more shots and still finished with a better shooting percentage than scoring champion Carmelo Anthony.

"It's a historic regular season," said Heat forward Shane Battier, who believes James should be the unanimous MVP. "We may never see numbers like this and performance like this — on both ends — like we saw this year."

James' final numbers: 26.8 points, 8 rebounds, 7.3 assists and 1.7 steals per game. Since the league began charting steals four decades ago, only Jordan and Larry Bird have put up similar numbers in a season. "I've been playing this game for a long, long time," Heat forward Udonis Haslem said. "I've seen a lot of players. I've played in Europe, played in a lot of different places and hands down he's the best basketball player I've ever seen. I don't think there's anything he can't do on the basketball court." James nearly put up a perfect shooting game along the way, going 13 for 14 in a win over Charlotte. The one miss was a layup, and it appeared he was fouled. "Greatness always looks for something to get better," said Doug Collins, who coached Philadelphia this season. "I had the great fortune of being around Michael Jordan and he always came back a better player. ... And that's what LeBron has done, the way he's shooting the ball, over 40 percent from 3, 56 percent from the field. You get him in the open court, you can't stop him. Not only that, but he's the best defensive player in the league at his position."

James said many times that last season was his best season, for plenty of obvious reasons. He got engaged, won an Olympic gold medal, a third NBA MVP award and of course helped the Heat win a championship — his first, after years and years of trying to break through.



Miami Heat's LeBron James (6) reacts after a play during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game against the Chicago Bulls in Miami, Sunday, April 14, 2013. The Heat won 105-93.

After a year like that, he took about three weeks off. And other than a slight hamstring strain that slowed him down near the end of the regular season, he's been no worse for that wear.

The MVP voting will be announced in a few weeks, and it should be James' fourth award in five years. Plenty of people around him insist that the one year in that span when he didn't win — the year it went to Derrick Rose — that was voters thumbing their nose at both his decision to join the Heat and the manner in which that move was announced.

"The other day I was sitting there with him, a week or two ago and it dawned on me, 'Do you know you're about to get four MVPs in five years?' And he's like, 'Man, I'm just a kid from Akron,'" Heat

guard Dwyane Wade said. "He could have gotten five in five. Five in five years. This is crazy. He can do whatever he wants on the court. Certain people have certain things they can't do. He can do everything. Can he be the greatest of all time? He could be."

James was not with the Heat for their season finale, tending instead to a personal matter. Spoelstra said there was no cause for alarm about James' postseason availability.

All his numbers this season would be for naught if the year doesn't end with another champagne bath.

"You think he's peaked, that he's the best basketball player in the world and he comes back better," Haslem said. "Scary to see what he could possibly be next year." □

AL Capsules

Lester pitches Red Sox to 6th straight win, 6-3



Boston Red Sox's Jarrod Saltalamacchia watches his solo home run off Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Zach McAllister in the fourth inning of a baseball game Thursday, April 18, 2013, in Cleveland.

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Jon

Lester pitched seven strong innings, Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit a tiebreaking home run in the fourth and the Boston Red Sox earned their sixth straight win with a 6-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Thursday night. The Red Sox return home to play Kansas City on Friday night, their first game at Fenway Park since Monday's bombings at the Boston Marathon. David Ortiz is expected back in the lineup for the first time this season after nursing an injured right Achilles.

Lester (3-0) held the Indians to two runs and four hits. Daniel Nava had two RBIs while Saltalamacchia, Dustin Pedroia, Mike Napoli and Mike Carp each drove in a run.

Andrew Bailey pitched

the ninth for his second save.

Indians manager Terry Francona, who managed in Boston for eight seasons and led the Red Sox to World Series titles in 2004 and 2007, was swept in the first series against his former team. Cleveland has lost four straight.

Zach McAllister (1-2) allowed three runs in five innings.

ORIOLES 10, RAYS 6, 10 INNINGS

BALTIMORE (AP) — Matt Wieters hit a grand slam in the bottom of the 10th inning and Baltimore withstood four solo homers by Tampa Bay.

Nolan Reimold and Steve Pearce also homered for the Orioles, who took two of three from their AL East rivals. It was Baltimore's 17th straight extra-inning victory, including 16 last season.

After Nick Markakis led

off the 10th with a single against Jamey Wright (0-1), Brandon Gomes came in to face Manny Machado, who reached on a bunt single that hugged the first base line. Adam Jones followed with a long single to the warning track that eluded right fielder Ben Zobrist, but Markakis held up at second and could only make it to third. Wieters drove Gomes' next pitch over the right-field wall. It was Baltimore's first game-ending grand slam since Harold Baines did it against the Chicago on May 4, 1999.

Troy Patton (1-0) worked the 10th for Baltimore.

Desmond Jennings and Evan Longoria homered for the Rays in the first inning. Jose Molina connected in the sixth and James Loney went deep in the eighth against Darren O'Day to knot the score at 6. Tampa Bay starter David Price, the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner, walked off the mound with the lead but remained winless in four starts this season.

BLUE JAYS 3, WHITE SOX 1

TORONTO (AP) — R.A. Dickey threw six shutout innings before leaving with soreness in his neck and back during Toronto's victory over Chicago.

Dickey (2-2) retired his first 11 batters and allowed two hits, both singles. The reigning NL Cy Young Award winner walked one, struck out a season-high seven and lowered his ERA from 5.82 to 4.30. Esmil Rogers got four outs and Casey Janssen finished for his fifth save. Rajai Davis sparked the Blue Jays' offense with two stolen bases and an RBI double.

Chris Sale (1-2), who gave up a career-high eight runs in his previous start Sunday in Cleveland, was much better in this one. He allowed three runs,

two earned, and four hits over seven innings.

Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista missed his fourth straight game with a sore back.

MARINERS 2, TIGERS 0

SEATTLE (AP) — Kyle Seager hit a two-out RBI double off Justin Verlander in the seventh inning to break a scoreless tie and help Seattle beat Detroit. The teams played the series finale about 13 hours after the Tigers' 2-1 victory in 14 innings Wednesday night, a game that featured a combined 40 strikeouts and ended with Justin Smoak tagged out at home plate in a collision with Detroit catcher Brayan Pena.

Verlander (2-2) threw 126 pitches in seven innings. He struck out 12 and gave up nine hits.

Endy Chavez followed Seager's double with a run-scoring single.

Carter Capps (1-1) worked two innings in relief of starter Hisashi Iwakuma for his first major league win. Tom Wilhelmsen earned his sixth save.

INTERLEAGUE

DIAMONDBACKS 6, YANKEES 2, 12 INNINGS

NEW YORK (AP) — Cody Ross hit a go-ahead single in the 12th inning, Eric Chavez followed with a three-run double against his former team and Arizona beat New York after one fan came up with two home run balls, including Francesco Cervelli's tying drive in the ninth.

The Yankees failed to complete a three-game sweep after learning captain Derek Jeter again fractured his left ankle and will be sidelined until after the All-Star break.

On a strange night that included a pair of catcher's interference calls against Cervelli, Robinson Cano started New York's comeback from a 2-0 deficit with a sixth-inning homer off Patrick Corbin.

David Phelps (0-1) escaped trouble in the 11th, but couldn't do it again an inning later.

Didi Gregorius hit his first major league home run and Martin Prado also went deep for the Diamondbacks. Heath Bell (1-0) got the win in a game that lasted 4 hours, 11 minutes. □

NBA to Fine players for 1st flop in playoffs

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA will fine players \$5,000 for a first flopping offense during the playoffs.

The league issued players a warning for a first offense during the regular season, the first time it punished players for trying to fool referees into making calls by exaggerating contact.

There were 24 violations during the regular season, with five players fined \$5,000 for violating the anti-flopping rule twice.

A second offense in the postseason will bring a \$10,000 fine, which increases to \$15,000 for a third and \$30,000 for a fourth. A player could be suspended if he's ruled to have flopped five or more times.

The NBA defines flopping as "any physical act that appears to have been intended to cause the referees to call a foul on another player." □

Microsoft beats Street, readies new mobile devices

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NEW YORK (AP) — Microsoft is working with manufacturers to produce a line of small touch-screen devices powered by Windows, apparently intended to compete with tablets like the iPad Mini and Amazon Kindle Fire.

Peter Klein, Microsoft's chief financial officer, told investors and analysts on a conference call Thursday that the new devices will be available in coming months at competitive prices.

Microsoft Corp. is struggling to extend its software into smartphones and tablets as consumers are turning away from PCs, the foundation of its empire. Over the winter, it launched two larger tablets under the Surface brand. And in October, the company took a large stake in Barnes & Noble's digital unit, which sells a line of entertainment-oriented tablets under the Nook brand.

Microsoft reported financial results for its latest quarter Thursday, showing a deep — but largely expected — impact from

the slowdown in global PC sales. Investors seemed to be expecting worse after some recent dismal reports on the PC slump.

Outside the Windows division, Microsoft posted solid results from its Office, software tools and Xbox divisions. Even if the company has a lot of challenges, "there's a lot of good things going on at Microsoft," said Colin Gillis, an analyst at BGC Partners.

The company's shares rose

81 cents, or 2.8 percent, to \$29.60 in extended trading, after the release of the report.

Net income was \$6.1 billion, or 72 cents per share, for the fiscal third quarter, which ended in March. That was up 18 percent from \$5.1 billion, or 60 cents per share, a year ago, and beat the forecast of analysts polled by FactSet, at 68 cents. However, analysts have trimmed their forecasts quickly in the last few weeks — a month ago, they were expecting Microsoft to post 77 cents in earnings.

Last week, research firm IDC said PC sales fell 14 percent in the quarter, a

record. It blamed, in part, Microsoft's new Windows 8, which makes a clean break with the look and workings of old Windows in order to work better with touch screens. Buyers seem daunted by the new interface, IDC said.

Klein said that an updated version of Windows 8 to be released later this year and code-named "Blue," will be in part a response to "customer feedback." Many complaints have focused on the lack of a Start button for those who prefer the older "Desktop" environment, which is hidden behind the new tile-based interface. Klein didn't offer details.

Revenue was \$20.5 billion, up 18 percent from a year ago and matching analyst forecasts.

Both earnings and revenue were skewed by software accounting practices. Microsoft offered a \$15 upgrade to Windows 8 for Windows 7 PCs purchased June 2 or later. It wasn't able to start recognizing the full value of the software licenses until these offers were redeemed or expired. In the latest quar-



In this March 4, 2013, photo, Christian P. Illek, manager of Microsoft Germany, talks at the stand of Microsoft at CeBIT, the world's largest computer expo, in Hanover, Germany. Microsoft reports their first quarter earnings on April 18, 2013.

Associated Press

ter, Microsoft was able to recognize \$1.1 billion of such deferred Windows revenue, greatly boosting the overall figure.

Stripping out the deferred revenue, overall revenue rose 8 percent, and revenue in the Windows division was flat with a year ago. Even if consumers aren't buying many Windows 8 PCs, businesses are still upgrading from Windows XP to Windows 7 at a rapid clip.

Stripping out deferred revenue and the effect of a \$733 million fine levied by the European Commission,

Microsoft earned 65 cents per share, up 8 percent from a year ago.

At the company's largest division, Business, revenue rose 8 percent from a year ago to \$6.3 billion. The increase was 5 percent adjusting for upgrade offers for the new Office suite. Microsoft also said CFO Klein is leaving at the end of the fiscal year, in June. He has been in his current role for four years and at the company for 11 years. The company plans to name a new CFO from its finance team in the next few weeks. □

New app helps Icelanders avoid accidental incest

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Associated Press

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP)

— You meet someone, there's chemistry, and then come the introductory questions: What's your name? Come here often? Are you my cousin? In Iceland, a country with a population of 320,000 where most everyone is distantly related, inadvertently kissing cousins is a real risk.

A new smartphone app is on hand to help Icelanders avoid accidental incest. The app lets users "bump" phones, and emits a warning alarm if they are closely related. "Bump the app before you bump in bed," says the catchy slogan. Some are hailing it as a welcome solution to a very Icelandic form of social embarrassment.

"Everyone has heard the story of going to a family event and running into a girl you hooked up with some time ago," said Einar Magnusson, a graphic designer in Iceland's capital, Reykjavik.

"It's not a good feeling when you realize that girl is a second cousin. People may think it's funny, but (the app) is a necessity." The Islendiga-App — "App of Icelanders" — is an idea that may only be possible in Iceland, where most of the population shares descent from a group of 9th-century Viking settlers, and where an online database holds genealogical details of almost the entire population.

The app was created by three University of Iceland software engineering students for a contest calling for "new creative uses" of

the *Islandingabok*, or Book of Icelanders, an online database of residents and their family trees stretching back 1,200 years.

Arnar Freyr Adalsteinsson, one of the trio, said it allows any two Icelanders to see how closely related they are, simply by touching phones.

"A small but much talked about feature is the loosely translated 'Incest Prevention Alarm' that users can enable through the options menu which notifies the user if the person he's bumping with is too closely related," Adalsteinsson said.

It's the latest twist on a long-standing passion for genealogy in Iceland, a volcanically active island in the North Atlantic that was unpopulated before Norse settlers arrived in A.D. 874. Their descendants

built a small, relatively homogeneous and — crucially — well-organized country, home to the world's oldest parliament and devoted to thorough record-keeping.

"The Icelandic sagas, written about 1,000 years ago, all begin with page after page of genealogy. It was the common man documenting his own history," said Kari Stefansson, chief executive of Icelandic biotech company deCODE Genetics, which ran the contest behind the app.

The Book of Icelanders database was developed in 1997 by deCODE and software entrepreneur Fridrik Skulason. Compiled using census data, church records, family archives and a host of other information sources, it claims to have information on 95 percent of all Icelanders who have

lived in the last 300 years. The database can be scoured online by any Icelandic citizen or legal resident. The app makes the data available to Icelanders on their mobile phones — and adds the anti-incest feature.

Currently available for Android phones, it has been downloaded almost 4,000 times since it was launched earlier this month. The creators also hope to develop an iPhone version.

Stefansson says the "bump" feature is an attention-grabbing but relatively minor aspect of an app that brings Icelanders' love of genealogy into the 21st century.

He also hopes it won't convey the wrong impression about Iceland.

"The Icelandic nation is not inbred," he said. "This app is interesting. □

Street Briefs**Report: Icahn backing away from Dell bid**

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According to a published report, billionaire investor Carl Icahn is unlikely to follow through on a preliminary offer to acquire Dell, becoming the second suitor to revise views of the company after reports showed a staggering decline in PC sales. The Wall Street Journal says Icahn will now likely wait to see if shareholders approve a February deal for the company to be taken private by founder Michael Dell and Silver Lake Partners for \$24.4 billion. The newspaper says that if the deal is rejected, Icahn may pursue a hostile takeover. The Journal cites an unnamed person familiar with Icahn's thinking. □

Japan defends monetary policy and weak yen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Japan's finance minister is pushing back against criticism that the low value of the yen is giving its manufacturers an unfair advantage. Taro Aso told reporters Friday that over the past year, Japan has suffered trade deficits, so it's unfair to say the yen is unreasonably low. The yen has lost over 20 percent of its value versus the U.S. dollar since October. That's made Japanese exports more competitive but also raised costs for manufacturers who rely on imported energy and commodities. Speaking after meeting G-20 finance ministers, Aso noted the yen had appreciated sharply in value after the global financial crisis began. Central bank governor Haruhiko Kuroda said Japan would continue monetary easing, aiming at stimulating the economy and reaching an inflation target, not to gain competitive advantage. □

Stocks recover slightly, ending tough week

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NEW YORK (AP) — Strong earnings from a pair of technology giants helped stock market recover some of its losses Friday, a positive end to Wall Street's worst week in five months. Microsoft and Google both beat earnings expectations, yields of government bonds ticked up and copper — a key industrial metal — continued its fall, losing 2 percent.

Microsoft gained 3 percent to \$29.77, leading the Dow Jones industrial average higher. The software giant reported earnings late Thursday that beat analysts' forecasts and showed solid results from its Office, software tools and Xbox divisions.

Google's stock climbed 3 percent to \$799.87. The leader in Internet search boosted prices for ads distributed to smartphones and tablet computers.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 13.64 points to 1,555.25, an increase of 0.9 percent.

The Dow rose 10.37 points to 14,547.51, a gain of 0.1 percent. The Dow spent most of the day down, pulled lower by disappointing results from IBM. Traders, like everyone else, were following the news out of Boston, where police were hunting for one of two brothers suspected to be behind Monday's Boston Marathon bombings. One brother was killed in a gun battle with police over-

night. But the news had no impact on markets, traders said.

Friday's slight gains couldn't overcome a tough week for the market, when both the S&P 500 and the Dow lost 2.1 percent. That's their biggest weekly drop since last November.

"Compared to the rest of the week, it looks like we're

time in two years. The stock market bounced back the next day, then fell again on Wednesday, its third worst day this year. Most big corporations have managed to beat analysts' low expectations for first-quarter profits. Of the 104 companies that turned in results through Friday morning, 70 have trumped fore-

largest provider of computer services fell short of forecasts for the first time since 2005. IBM said delays in closing several large software and mainframe computer deals hindered sales. Chipotle Mexican Grill surged 12 percent to \$366.25, the best gain in the S&P 500. Chipotle's results easily topped Wall Street expectations late Thursday as the burrito-maker said new restaurants drove sales higher.

The Nasdaq composite index gained 39.69 points to 3,206.06, up 1.3 percent.

In the market for U.S. government bonds, Treasury prices slipped, nudging yields up from their lowest levels of the year. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note inched up to 1.70 percent from 1.68 percent late Thursday.

Traders cautiously returned to buying certain key commodities on Friday, including gold and oil, after big sell-offs earlier this week. But copper continued its fall, losing 2 percent to \$3.16 per pound.

Rex Macey, the chief investment officer at the Wilmington Trust Investment Advisors, said markets are bound to encounter turbulence as long as the economy continues to advance at a slow pace. Forecasts say the U.S. economy will expand 2 percent this year. In practice, Macey said, that means there will be times when the economy looks ready to stall and others when it looks ready to steam ahead. □



Penguins from SeaWorld are escorted by their handlers on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange during the company's IPO, Friday, April 19, 2013, in New York.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

going to slide into the weekend on a quiet note," said Jim Baird, Partner and Chief Investment Officer for Plante Moran Financial Advisors.

By many measures, the financial markets have endured a rough five days. News that economic growth had slowed in China set off a plunge in commodity prices on Monday, leading the stock market to its worst day of the year. Gold dropped below \$1,400 an ounce for the first

casts, according to S&P Capital IQ.

Analysts estimate that earnings for companies in the S&P 500 inched up just 2 percent over the previous year, a slowdown from the 7.7 percent rise in the fourth quarter of 2012.

Next week marks another big week for earnings as 10 members of the Dow and 181 companies in the S&P 500 report results.

On Friday, IBM fell 8 percent to an even \$190. Quarterly earnings for the country's

SeaWorld stocks make a splash in NYSE IPO

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NEW YORK (AP) — SeaWorld Entertainment Inc. made a splash Friday in its first day of trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The owner of theme parks famous for water shows featuring killer whales and dolphins jumped \$5.29, or 19.6 percent, to \$32.29 in afternoon trading, after the company and its backers raised \$702 million.

The initial public offering of

26 million shares was priced at \$27 per share, which was at the high end of the expected range of \$24 to \$27 per share.

The IPO's size also increased from the 20 million shares that SeaWorld and its owner, private equity firm Blackstone Group LP, had hoped to sell.

SeaWorld offered 10 million shares, while Blackstone offered 16 million shares. The pricing of the offering and boost to its size suggests

that there was solid demand for the shares.

From its origins as a Busch Gardens animal park at Anheuser-Busch's Tampa Budweiser brewery, the company has grown to span 11 theme parks housing 67,000 animals. Besides the three SeaWorld parks, the company owns two Busch Gardens parks, several water parks and Sesame Place, an amusement park based on the children's TV show Sesame

Street. It had net income of \$77.4 million on revenue of \$1.42 billion in 2012.

Francis Gaskins, president and editor of IPODesktop.com, said SeaWorld is appealing in part because its properties are particularly kid-friendly, even moreso than those of peers like Six Flags and Cedar Fair LP.

"SeaWorld has become an iconic brand that is basically impossible to duplicate in this difficult regulatory climate," he said. □

Brewers InBev, Grupo Modelo reach deal with DOJ

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Anheuser-Busch InBev has reached a final agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice that could settle a dispute over its \$20.1 billion acquisition of the Mexican brewer Grupo Modelo. The world's largest brewer has been trying since June to buy the half of Grupo Modelo that it doesn't already own. The Justice Department sued to block the deal out of concern that a company that massive would stifle competition in the U.S.

The companies involved in a complicated series of deals surrounding the acquisition have negotiated for months with Justice officials to try and clear the way. They submitted an agreement Friday to the

court and if approved, it is expected to close in June. AB InBev originally sought to get access to all of Grupo's business U.S. and

that gives control of the production of Corona and other Modelo beers sold in the U.S. to a competitor, Constellation Brands Inc.



An InBev brewery facility bottles beer. Anheuser-Busch InBev has reached a final agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice that could settle a dispute over its \$20.1 billion acquisition of the Mexican brewer Grupo Modelo.

(Handout Photo)

abroad. But in an effort to appease regulators that blocked the deal, AB InBev later struck a side deal

The agreement announced Friday is similar to the modified deal, but instead requires the sale of

Modelo's entire U.S. business to Constellation.

That would give Constellation not just the licenses of Modelo brand beers in the U.S., but also brewing capabilities so that it is not relying on AB InBev at all. The agreement also requires the sale of AB InBev's stake in a joint venture agreement and other assets, rights and interests so that Constellation can compete in the U.S. beer market independent of AB InBev.

"This is a win for the \$80 billion U.S. beer market and consumers," said Bill Baer, assistant attorney general in charge of the DOJ's antitrust division. "If this settlement makes just a one percent difference in prices, U.S. consumers will save almost \$1 billion a year."

Baer said the deal as origi-

nally presented was potentially transformative in a bad way for consumers, but this agreement creates an independent owner of Modelo brands in the U.S. that will be positioned to provide consumers with more brands at competitive prices.

Constellation will effectively replace Modelo as a competitor in the U.S. selling its Corona and other brands domestically.

The company, based in Victor, N.Y., expects the deal will double its sales and solidify its place in the U.S. beer market.

The settlement also will benefit AB InBev, based in Belgium, which will still add Modelo brands globally to its already expansive portfolio of beers that includes Budweiser, Stella Artois and others. □

Gold ends higher after brutal week; oil rises

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Traders cautiously returned to buying certain key commodities Friday, including gold and oil, after big sell-offs earlier this week.

Gold for June delivery rose \$3.10 to \$1,395.60 per ounce. The precious metal has had a wild few weeks. It started sliding last week, in a panic that culminated

Monday when it plunged 9 percent. It was gold's biggest drop since 1983.

At the beginning of the week, investors disagreed on the reason for the plunge. By the end of the week, there was still no consensus. Some said it was because gold investors think the economy is improving, so they have less reason to hold gold

as safe-haven investment. Others said investors were actually quite worried about the economy, concerned that cash-strapped Cyprus might have to sell its gold reserves. Others said the plunge was simply short-term traders cashing in profits.

Peter Hug, global trading director at Kitco Metals, wrote in a research note

Friday that the day's buying indicated there was still "substantial fear" in the markets. "The 'better' picture that is being painted is not a simple landscape but rather a Picasso, open to interpretation," Hug wrote. May silver fell more than 1 percent on Friday, down 28.5 cents to \$22.96 per ounce. July copper fell almost 2 percent, down 5.6

cents to \$3.163 per pound. July platinum slipped \$5.10 to \$1,423.90 per ounce. June palladium was up more than 1 percent, up 7.25 cents to \$677.05 per ounce.

Among energy contracts, benchmark crude for May delivery rose 28 cents to \$88.01 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. □

McDonald's fails to boost sales with Dollar Menu

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AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — McDonald's managed to eke out a higher profit for its first quarter even as the world's biggest hamburger chain failed to lift sales with its Dollar Menu. The company said Friday that an important sales measurement fell 1 percent during the period and warned that it's expected to dip again in April. That marked the first quarterly decline in a decade in sales at restaurants open at least 13 months and underscored the troubles the company has been facing.

As Burger King and Wen-

dy's have stepped up their marketing over the past year or so, McDonald's has responded by aggressively touting its Dollar Menu and other value deals to hold onto customers in an industry where imitation is rampant. The strategy has caused concern among analysts who worry that it could eat into profit margins. It's also rankled some McDonald's franchisees, who operate the vast majority of its restaurants in the U.S. But in a conference call with analysts Friday, McDonald's executives insisted that offering cheaper prices was necessary in the current climate. Since



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(Handout Photo)

the restaurant industry is barely growing, they said. McDonald's needs to steal customers away from rivals to grow.

"That battle for market share has become so criti-

cal for the long-term health of business, we're willing to sacrifice that margin," said Peter Bensen, the company's chief financial officer.

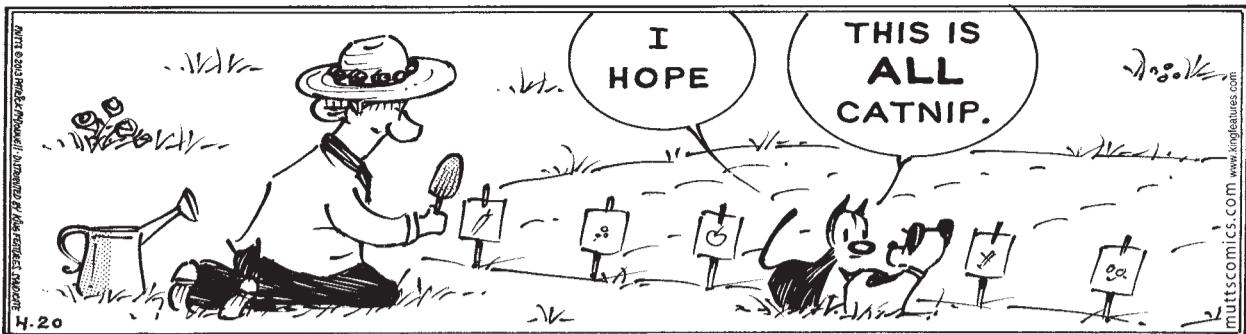
Although profit margins de-

clined during the first quarter, McDonald's noted that it picked off market share in many parts of the world, including the U.S.

But there are signs such deals aren't sitting well with the independent franchisees who operate restaurants.

A survey by Janney Capital Markets released this week found that a sampling of 25 U.S. franchisees who collectively operate 180 McDonald's restaurants on average rated their relations with the company below their historic levels. Janney said some complained about excessive coupons and discounts. □

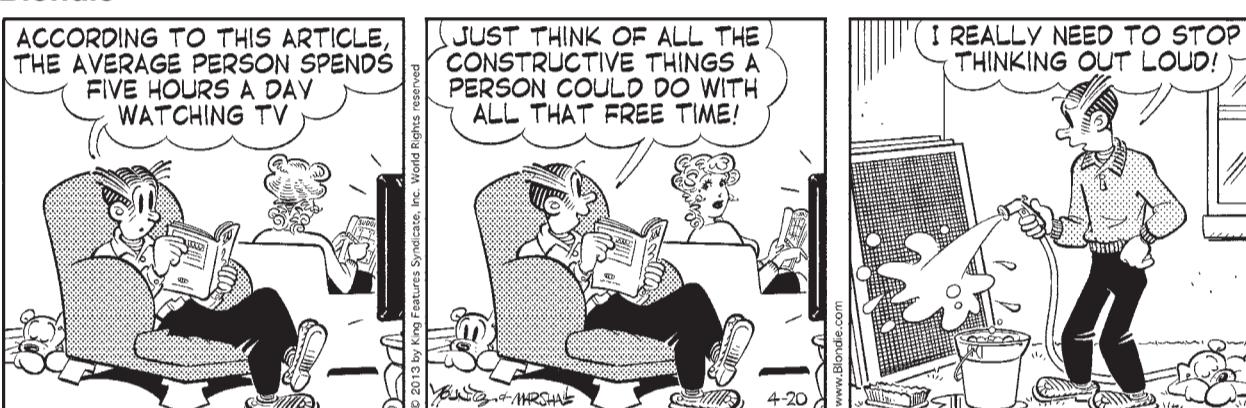
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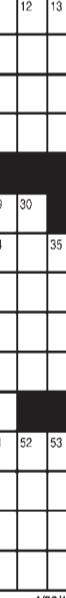
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Yesterday's puzzle answer



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32 Palms & pines
34 Charge
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39 Can material
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41 'Been ___, done that'
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45 Hamster or cat
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47 Moving around
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51 That fellow
54 Not at all unconventional
57 Facts & figures
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59 Not sleeping
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50 Daring deed
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53 "A ___ home is his castle"
55 Scottish cap
56 Emerson's monogram
57 Chow or collie

Column: What women want or need is irrelevant

O. Ricardo Pimentel

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This incremental approach to restricting women's access to abortion is a time-honored tradition that, I'm guessing, goes back 40 years or so to Roe vs. Wade and the awakening of that quaint notion that women have a right to make their own legal, medical decisions. But we need only dial the wayback machine a mere nine years to understand the reason for one of the latest manifestations in Texas -- Senate Bill 537 by Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville. It requires abortion clinics to upgrade to ambulatory surgical centers if they want to continue operating, a costly undertaking. The measure might come up short -- barely -- of the two-thirds of the Senate needed to bring the measure to the floor. But this type of bill and others of its type have a rich history in Texas and elsewhere. Back in 2003, there was Texas' Woman's Right to Know Act, which took effect in 2004. It required that women receive information about abortion and wait at least 24 hours before the procedure. The purpose was to get women to change their minds. The fiction it imposed was that these women didn't already know the biology of pregnancy. Another lesser known feature was that all non-hospital abortions occurring 16 weeks or more into the pregnancy had to be performed in ambulatory surgical centers. Afterward, abortions at 16 weeks or after declined nearly 70 percent in

Texas. The number of out-of-state abortions for Texas women increased four-fold but most women in these circumstances stayed put -- an estimated 6,631 unintended births resulting that first year, most of which undoubtedly were paid for by taxpayers. This is all in a report -- "Regulating Abortion: Impact on Patients and Providers in Texas" -- published in 2011 in the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management. I first wrote about it in March last year. There is little reason to believe that requiring all abortions be performed in ambulatory surgical centers would have a different outcome. It's no accident that anti-abortion legislators in other states are also imposing such standards. You see, only five of about 400 ambulatory surgical centers in Texas perform abortions. And of the state's 44 licensed abortion clinics, only six meet these standards. But Deuell tells me that this is really about giving women high quality care. "I will admit to being pro-life and wanting to see abortion illegal," he said, adding that this entitles detractors to their suspicions. But "the point is that the standards of ambulatory surgery centers should be the standards of abortion clinics." He said his experience as a physician makes him disbelieve that complication rates -- the ostensible reason for requiring these standards -- are as low as reported; less than 0.5 percent of all medical and aspiration abortions before 13 weeks, when most abortions occur. □

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Sun-powered plane completes California test flight

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Associated Press

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California

(AP) — A solar-powered plane that has wowed aviation fans in Europe took to the skies Friday over the San Francisco Bay area in a successful test flight.

Considered the world's most advanced sun-powered plane, the Solar Impulse took off from Moffett Field in Mountain View at first light for a two-hour practice run in advance of a planned multi-city, cross-country tour.

"That's a mythical step in aviation," André Borschberg, one of the plane's pilots and creators, said about flying cross-country. "We are something like between 1915 and 1920, compared to traditional aviation, when pioneers tried these non-stop flights."

He said a flight around the world could occur in two years.

The Solar Impulse is pow-



The Solar Impulse is seen after landing from a test flight at Moffett Field NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif., Friday, April 19, 2013. A solar-powered plane that has wowed aviation fans in Europe is set to take an early morning test flight over the San Francisco Bay area.

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ered by about 12,000 photovoltaic cells that cover massive wings and charge its batteries, allowing it to fly day and night without jet

fuel. It has the wing span of a commercial airplane but the weight of the average family car, making it vulnerable to bad weather.

Its creators say the Solar Impulse is designed to showcase the potential of solar power and will never replace fuel-powered

commercial flights. The delicate, single-seat plane cruises around 40 mph and can't fly through clouds.

Borschberg and Bertrand Piccard, Solar Impulse co-founder and chairman, said the plane should be ready for the cross-country journey on May 1, depending on the weather.

"We like nice weather. We like sunny days," Borschberg said.

Stops are planned in Phoenix, Dallas, Washington, D.C., and New York. Each flight leg will take 20 to 25 hours, with 10-day stops in each city.

Between Dallas and Washington, the plane will also stop at one of three other cities — Atlanta, Nashville or St. Louis.

Borschberg said the plane's creators are close to being able to launch the non-stop flights needed to go around the world. Using solar power, "we are close to the notion of perpetual flight," he said. □

Russian becomes world's oldest spacewalker at 59



In this image made from video provided by NASA, Russian cosmonauts Pavel Vinogradov, left, and Roman Romanenko perform a spacewalk outside the International Space Station to gather old science experiments and install new ones, and replace a navigation device.

Associated Press

MARCI DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — A 59-year-old

Russian cosmonaut became the world's oldest spacewalker Friday, joining a much younger cosmonaut's son for maintenance work outside the International Space Station. Pavel Vinogradov, a cosmonaut for two decades, claimed the honor as he emerged from the hatch with Roman Romanenko. But he inadvertently added to the booming population of space junk when he lost his grip on an experiment tray that he was retrieving toward the end of the 6½-hour spacewalk. The lost aluminum panel — 18 inches (46 centimeters) by 12 inches (31 centimeters) and about 6 1/2 pounds (3 kilograms) — contained metal samples. Scientists wanted to see how the samples had fared after a year out in the vacuum of space.

Otherwise, the spacewalk had gone well, with the spacewalkers installing new science equipment and replacing a navigation device needed for the June arrival of a European cargo ship.

Collecting the experiment tray was Vinogradov's last task outside. The tray drifted toward the solar panels of the main Russian space station compartment, called Zvezda, Russian for Star. Flight controllers did not believe it struck anything, and the object was not thought to pose a safety hazard in the hours and days ahead. "That's unfortunate," someone radioed in Russian. Another panel of similar experiments will be collected on a future spacewalk. This is the first of eight spacewalks to be conducted this year, most of them by Russians. Two will be led by NASA this summer.

Until Friday, the oldest spacewalker was retired

NASA astronaut Story Musgrave, who was 58 when he helped fix the Hubble Space Telescope in 1993. Romanenko, 41, is a second-generation spaceman who's following in his father's footsteps. Retired cosmonaut Yuri Romanenko performed spacewalks back in the 1970s and 1980s. This is the son's first experience out in the vacuum of space. Vinogradov made his seventh spacewalk; he ventured into a dark, ruptured chamber at Russia's old Mir space station in 1997 following a cargo ship collision. He arrived late last month for a six-month stay at the space station; he'll turn 60 aboard the orbiting complex in August.

The spacewalkers joked as they toiled 260 miles above the planet.

"I'm afraid of the darkness," one of them said in Russian as the space station passed over the night side of Earth. □

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NBC pulls drama episode after Boston violence

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NBC said Friday that it's pulling an episode of its serial killer drama "Hannibal" out of sensitivity to recent violence, including the Boston bombings.

The episode that was to air next week features a character, played by guest star Molly Shannon, who brainwashes children to kill other children.

"Hannibal" executive producer Bryan Fuller asked NBC to pull the episode, citing the Newtown, Connecticut, school shooting in December and this week's Boston Marathon attack, NBC spokesman Stuart Levine said.

The episode, the fourth for

the freshman series, will be replaced by another "Hannibal" hour. Viewers will not see a plot continuity issue, Levine said.

But a "clip package" with scenes from the unaired episode will be available at NBC.com next week, without the scenes of child violence and with commentary by Fuller.

"Hannibal" stars Mads Mikkelsen as the title character, the brilliant cannibalistic killer seen on the big screen in "The Silence of the Lambs" and its sequel and introduced in the Thomas Harris novel "Red Dragon." Hugh Dancy and Laurence Fishburne also star in the drama.

There have been other instances of networks re-

sponding quickly to the potentially difficult overlap between fact and fiction.

ABC has delayed airing an episode of the crime drama "Castle" in which a main character, New York police Detective Kate Beckett (Stana Katic), steps on a pressure-sensitive bomb. It had been scheduled to air Monday, the day two bombs exploded near the Boston Marathon finish line, killing three people and injuring more than 180.

Last December, after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, the Syfy channel pulled an episode of the series "Haven" that featured a campus violence story line. □



This undated publicity photo released by NBC shows Laurence Fishburne, left, as Jack Crawford and Mads Mikkelsen as Dr. Hannibal Lecter in episode 105, 'Potage,' from the TV series, "Hannibal."

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Neil Diamond happy 'Caroline' offers comfort



This Thursday, April 18, 2013 photo shows Neil Diamond at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

RYAN PEARSON

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Neil Diamond said he's happy his "Sweet Caroline," a staple of Boston Red Sox games, can provide comfort after the Boston Marathon bombing.

The New York Yankees, Toronto Raptors and other professional sports teams have played the song at games in the days after Monday's deadly blasts, with fans and players often singing along.

"There is a lot of comfort that music can offer," Diamond told The Associated Press. "In this particular situ-

ation, I'd much rather it not have happened than for 'Sweet Caroline' to become part of it. But it's obviously offering comfort to people and I feel good about that."

Diamond spoke Thursday night at the Rock and Roll Hall induction ceremony. He said he intended the song, first released in 1969 and addressed to Caroline Kennedy, to offer solace.

"I wrote it in a hotel in Memphis, Tennessee," he said. "And I think there's a little bit of God in that song. I always have felt that. There's no accounting for what can happen to a song."

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Kim Kardashian-Kris Humphries divorce settlement approved

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AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The marriage of Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries, which began with a storybook wedding, ended Friday in a grim courtroom with a judge approving a divorce settlement after a protracted legal battle between the former couple. "I think this is a reasonable way to resolve this case," said Superior Court Judge Hank Goldberg, who did not disclose terms of the settlement.

Humphries sent his lawyer but did not appear in court. Kardashian, who is pregnant with a child by her boyfriend Kanye West, appeared in a black silk puffy sleeveless maternity dress embellished with sequins on the skirt.

"Ms. Kardashian, is this your signature?" the judge asked her as he perused a three-page settlement agreement.

"Yes," she replied. She continued to answer yes when asked if she had discussed the matter with her attorney and understood that there would be no trial.

"During your marriage did irreconcilable differences occur?" the judge asked.

"Yes," said Kardashian.

"Is there any way your marriage can be saved?" he



TV personality Kim Kardashian leaves Los Angeles County Superior Court after a hearing in her divorce from Kris Humphries, Friday, April 12, 2013.

Associated Press

asked.

"No," said Kardashian. She married the National Basketball Association player in a high-profile wedding in August 2011. She filed for divorce later that year.

He sought an annulment claiming their marriage in an elaborate wedding ceremony was a fraud staged for her reality show, "Keeping Up With the Kardashians."

She denied the allegations and insisted on a traditional divorce. She apparently won. "The court is going to grant dissolution of marriage," the judge said, advising that the di-

vorce would not be final until papers are drawn up and signed. Humphries did not attend the brief hearing. His lawyer, Benjamin Johnson, said he agreed to the settlement. The judge dropped an order for the Brooklyn Nets power forward to appear and explain why he failed to attend a previous hearing. Kardashian was hustled into court by sheriff's deputies through a back entrance and no photos were allowed.

The judge congratulated Johnson and Kardashian's attorney, Laura Wasser, for achieving the settlement. □



This Wed., Oct. 26, 2011 publicity photo released by FOX shows Naya Rivera, center, performing the 300th song on the set of "Glee." Fox said Friday, April 19, 2013, it's renewed "Glee" for two more seasons.

Associated Press

Fox TV renews 'Glee' for 2 more seasons

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Fox TV series "Glee" will keep on singing for another two years.

The network announced Friday that it has renewed the show about music-loving students through 2014-2015 — its 6th season.

In a statement, Fox Entertainment Chairman Kevin Reilly said "Glee" continues to break new ground as a rare successful TV musical comedy. The show has been a music hit as well, with more than 50 million downloads

of "Glee" tracks and worldwide album sales of more than 13 million.

"Glee" has expanded from its original focus on the McKinley

High School glee club to the college world of Rachel and Kurt, played by cast members Lea Michele and Chris Colfer.

Next Thursday's episode will feature Sarah Jessica Parker. Gwyneth Paltrow and Kate Hudson are among previous "Glee" A-list drop-ins. □

Sarah Jessica Parker battles her twins for jewels

ALICIA RANCILIO

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Sarah Jessica Parker loves her jewelry — but so do a pair of 3-year-old thieves.

Parker's twin daughters Tabitha and Marion get to try on mom's baubles, and she said "they have walked away with many pieces."

"Nothing of enormous value and I've told them basically all of it's theirs with some set aside for my son," Parker said Thursday at Tiffany and Co.'s Blue Book Ball.



Parker joined actresses Jessica Biel, Kate Hudson, Gwyneth Paltrow and Michelle Williams for the celebration of Tiffany's Blue Book Collection, inspired by the New York Jazz Age in partnership with the film "The Great Gatsby," directed by Baz Luhrmann and starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Carey Mulligan.

Hudson said she has a

Actress Sarah Jessica Parker attends the Tiffany & Co. Blue Book Ball at Rockefeller Center on Thursday April 18, 2013 in New York.

Associated Press

more whimsical approach to her jewelry box.

"I have a theory about jewelry. If you lose it, it's supposed to be gone. I don't shed a tear if I lose something," she said. But if not, she says, "I hold on tight to it."

But when it comes to jewels and baubles, does size matter?

"Oh, that's a good question. No, I think workmanship matters more than size," said Paltrow.

Actress Alice Eve disagrees: "Yes. Size always matters," she said with a laugh. □

Parker had a more meaningful response, as her modest-sized wedding ring from husband Matthew Broderick is from Tiffany's.

"Not to me, no. I have a beautiful ring that I love very, very much and it's from Tiffany's and it's my most, most favorite ring at all and it's not as you can see super robust or muscular but I think it's every bit as lovely as any big-dot rock," she said. "But it's great fun, don't get me wrong, to borrow the big stuff occasionally. I mean, it's a real privilege." □

The Second Wave



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Liberals are furious, but the gun issue will not significantly damage the Republican Party. Sure, it looks bad to oppose background checks, which have overwhelming popular support. Sure, the Republican position will further taint the party's image in places like the suburbs of Philadelphia and Northern Virginia. Sure, the party looks extreme when it can't accept a bill sponsored by the conservative Sen. Joe Manchin and the very conservative Sen. Pat Toomey. But, let's face it, the gun issue has its own unique dynamic, which is that the people who oppose gun limits vote on this issue while the people who support them do not.

Moreover, Democrats never made a compelling case that the bill would have been effective, that it would have directly prevented future Sandy Hooks or lowered the murder rate nationwide. Even many of the bill's supporters were lukewarm about its contents.

The main reason the gun issue won't significantly harm Republicans is that it doesn't play into the core debate that will shape the future of the party. The issue that does that is immigration. The near-term future of American politics will be determined by who wins the immigration debate. In the months since the election, a rift has opened between the Republicans you might call first-wave revolutionaries and those you might call second-wave revolutionaries. The first-wave revolutionaries (the party's congressional leaders) think of themselves as very conservative. They ejected the remaining moderates from their ranks. They sympathize with the Tea Party. They are loyal to Fox News and support a radical restructuring of the government. These first-wave revolutionaries haven't softened their conservatism, but they are trying to adjust it to win majority support. They are trying to find policies to boost social mobility, so Republicans look less like the party of the rich. They are swinging behind immigration reform, believing that Hispanics won't even listen to Republicans until they put that issue in the rearview mirror. The second-wave revolutionaries – like Rand Paul (on some issues), Jim DeMint, Ted Cruz and some of the cutting-edge talk radio jocks – see the first-wave revolutionaries as a bunch of in-

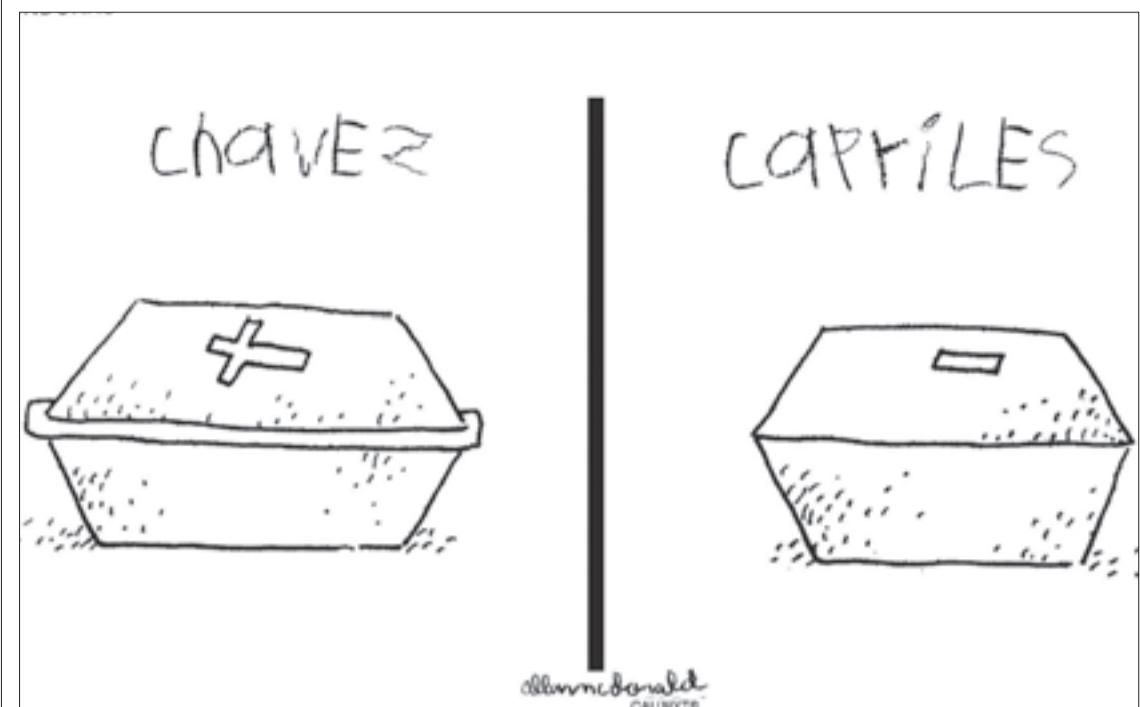
competent establishmentarians. They speak of the Bush-Cheney administration as if it were some sort of liberal Republican regime run by Nelson Rockefeller and Jacob Javits. They argue that Republicans have lost elections recently because the party has been led by big-spending, mushy moderates like John McCain and Mitt Romney and managed by out-of-touch elitists like Karl Rove and Reince Priebus. The second wavers are much more tactically aggressive, favoring filibusters and such when possible. What the party needs now, they argue, is an ultra-Goldwaterite insurgency that topples the "establishment," ditches immigration reform and wins Hispanic votes by appealing to the evangelicals among them and offering them economic liberty.

The first and second wavers are just beginning their immigration clash. A few weeks ago, I would have thought the pro-immigration forces had gigantic advantages, but now it is hard to be sure. The immigration fight will be pitting a cohesive insurgent opposition force against a fragile coalition of bipartisan proponents who have to ambivalently defend a sprawling piece of compromise legislation. We've seen this kind of fight before. Things usually don't end up well for the proponents.

Whether it's guns or immigration, it is easy to imagine that the underlying political landscape, which prevented progress in the past, has changed. But when you actually try to pass something, you often discover the underlying landscape has not changed. The immigration fight of 2013 might bear an eerie similarity to the fight of 2007.

The arguments that might persuade Republicans to support immigration reform are all on the table. They came on election night 2012. The arguments against are only just now unfolding. It is just a fact that the big short-term beneficiaries of this law are not generally Republicans: the 11 million who are living in the shadows; the high-tech entrepreneurs who will get more skilled labor. The short-term losers, meanwhile, are often Republicans: the white working-class people who will face a new group of labor-market competition when they try to get jobs in retail; the taxpayers who, at least in the short term, will have to pay some additional costs.

In the past, Republican politicians have had trouble saying no to the latest and most radical insurgency. Even if they know immigration reform is eventually good for their party, lawmakers may figure that opposing it is immediately necessary for themselves. It would be great if Republicans can hash out their differences over a concrete policy matter, especially immigration, which touches conservatism's competing values. But if the insurgent right defeats immigration reform, that will be a sign that the party's self-marginalization will continue. The revolution devours its own. □



The Excel Depression Continues



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In this age of information, math errors can lead to disaster. NASA's Mars Orbiter crashed because engineers forgot to convert to metric measurements; JPMorgan Chase's "London Whale" venture went bad in part because modelers divided by a sum instead of an average. So, did an Excel coding error destroy the economies of the Western world?

The story so far: At the beginning of 2010, two Harvard economists, Carmen Reinhart and Kenneth Rogoff, circulated a paper, "Growth in a Time of Debt," that purported to identify a critical "threshold," a tipping point, for government indebtedness. Once debt exceeds 90 percent of gross domestic product, they claimed, economic growth drops off sharply.

Reinhart and Rogoff had credibility thanks to a widely admired earlier book on the history of financial crises, and their timing was impeccable. The paper came out just after Greece went into crisis and played right into the desire of many officials to "pivot" from stimulus to austerity. As a result, the paper instantly became famous; it was, and is, surely the most influential economic analysis of recent years.

In fact, Reinhart-Rogoff quickly achieved almost sacred status among self-proclaimed guardians of fiscal responsibility; their tipping-point claim was treated not as a disputed hypothesis

but as unquestioned fact. For example, a Washington Post editorial earlier this year warned against any relaxation on the deficit front, because we are "dangerously near the 90 percent mark that economists regard as a threat to sustainable economic growth." Notice the phrasing: "economists," not "some economists," let alone "some economists, vigorously disputed by other economists with equally good credentials," which was the reality.

For the truth is that Reinhart-Rogoff faced substantial criticism from the start, and the controversy grew over time. As soon as the paper was released, many economists pointed out that a negative correlation between debt and economic performance need not mean that high debt causes low growth. It could just as easily be the other way around, with poor economic performance leading to high debt. Indeed, that's obviously the case for Japan, which went deep into debt only after its growth collapsed in the early 1990s.

Over time, another problem emerged: Other researchers, using seemingly comparable data on debt and growth, couldn't replicate the Reinhart-Rogoff results. They typically found some correlation between high debt and slow growth – but nothing that looked like a tipping point at 90 percent or, indeed, any particular level of debt.

Finally, Reinhart and Rogoff allowed researchers at the University of Massachusetts to look at their original spreadsheet – and the mystery of the irreproducible results was solved. First, they omitted some data; second, they used unusual and highly questionable statistical procedures; and finally, yes, they made an Excel coding error. Correct these oddities and errors, and you get what other researchers have found: some correlation between high debt and slow growth, with no

indication of which is causing which, but no sign at all of that 90 percent "threshold."

In response, Reinhart and Rogoff have acknowledged the coding error, defended their other decisions and claimed that they never asserted that debt necessarily causes slow growth. That's a bit disingenuous because they repeatedly insinuated that proposition even if they avoided saying it outright. But, in any case, what really matters isn't what they meant to say, it's how their work was read: Austerity enthusiasts trumpeted that supposed 90 percent tipping point as a proven fact and a reason to slash government spending even in the face of mass unemployment.

So the Reinhart-Rogoff fiasco needs to be seen in the broader context of austerity mania: the obviously intense desire of policymakers, politicians and pundits across the Western world to turn their backs on the unemployed and instead use the economic crisis as an excuse to slash social programs.

What the Reinhart-Rogoff affair shows is the extent to which austerity has been sold on false pretenses.

For three years, the turn to austerity has been presented not as a choice but as a necessity. Economic research, austerity advocates insisted, showed that terrible things happen once debt exceeds 90 percent of GDP. But "economic research" showed no such thing; a couple of economists made that assertion, while many others disagreed. Policymakers abandoned the unemployed and turned to austerity because they wanted to, not because they had to.

So will toppling Reinhart-Rogoff from its pedestal change anything? I'd like to think so. But I predict that the usual suspects will just find another dubious piece of economic analysis to canonize, and the depression will go on and on. □

Young North Koreans train to seek 'revenge on US'

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Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) —

North Korea's newest batch of future soldiers — scrawny 11-year-olds with freshly shaved heads — punch the air as they practice taekwondo on the grounds of the Mangyongdae Revolutionary School. Students and teachers here say they're studying harder these days to prepare for a fight.

Across the country, ban-

access and practice their English with chants such as "The respected Marshal Kim Jong Un is our father," classwork is infused with conflict.

"Because of the present situation, I am trying to study harder, because I really think that's how I can get my revenge on the American imperialists: by getting top marks in class," one student, Jo Chung Hyok, told The Associated Press.

"It's my revolutionary duty,"

The anti-American campaign also comes as North Korea prepares to mark the 60th anniversary in July of the close of the Korean War. The three-year conflict pitting North Korea and China against U.S.-led U.N. troops ended in a truce, not a peace treaty. The continued division of the Korean Peninsula, and the presence of 28,500 American troops in South Korea, has rankled North Korea's leadership.

The U.S. says Pyongyang must bring down tensions and honor previous disarmament agreements before talks can begin. North Korea laid out a long list of preconditions for resuming talks Thursday, including the lifting of U.N. sanctions, the end of U.S.-South Korea military drills, the withdrawal of U.S. nuclear weapons assets from the region a halt to criticism of North Korea. On Friday, it reiterated a warning to

least a beginning, not acceptable obviously, and we have to go further."

The U.S. remains open to "authentic and credible negotiations," White House spokesman Josh Earnest told reporters aboard Air Force One. But he said the U.S. has not seen any commitment from North Koreans that they are willing to end their nuclear program. Inside the sprawling compound of the Mangyongdae Revolutionary School, students are made aware of their government's latest invectives against its foes, in addition to usual subjects of study: biology, history, foreign languages.

"At the moment, the situation on the Korean Peninsula is tense, and America is being bad to us," said Lt. Col. Kim Hak Bin, an administrator at the military academy. "But you can see that the students here look just as bright as usual, and life and classes are carrying on the same as before."

"Our students are ready to go to the front lines whenever a war breaks out, and they are now studying harder than usual," he said Thursday.

The school, located near the birthplace of North Korea's first leader, Kim Il Sung, was created in 1947 to house, feed and educate the sons and daughters of soldiers killed while fighting the Japanese who occupied Korea from 1910 to 1945.

Today, the girls are housed in a separate academy named after Kim Il Sung's mother, the Kang Pan Sok Revolutionary School in the western port city of Nampo.

Late leader Kim Jong Il attended the academy for eight months during the Korean War, school records show. His son, current leader Kim Jong Un, did not. His military education came from studying at the Kim Il Sung Military University next door.

During his 17-year rule, Kim Jong Il elevated the importance of the army and poured much of the nation's meager resources into defense. □



In this Thursday, April 18, 2013 photo, eleven-year-old students who were newly admitted into the Mangyongdae Revolutionary School, in Pyongyang, North Korea practice taekwondo. The school is run by the military and school administrators say it was originally set up in 1947 for children who had lost their parents during Korea's fight for liberation from its Japanese occupiers.

(AP Photo)

ners, slogans and artwork have been redrawn to focus on fighting "the imperialist Americans and their traitorous followers," a reference to South Korea. Slogans on improving North Korea's economy had dominated since 2009, but anti-American propaganda has re-emerged over the past year, particularly following U.S.-led censure of North Korea's decision to launch a long-range rocket and test a nuclear bomb. At the military school, where students work on desktop computers without Internet

Jo said. "I'm working extra hard to get top marks in military subjects like tactics and shooting."

The uptick in anti-American sentiment comes on the heels of international condemnation and U.N. sanctions for North Korea's long-range rocket launch in December and its underground nuclear test in February, which Pyongyang accuses Washington and Seoul of instigating. Joint U.S.-South Korean military drills south of the border also have incensed Pyongyang.

For weeks, North Korea has threatened to attack the U.S. and South Korea for holding joint military drills and for supporting U.N. sanctions. Washington and Seoul say they've seen no evidence that Pyongyang is actually preparing for a major conflict, though South Korean defense officials say the North appears prepared to test-fire a medium-range missile capable of reaching the American territory of Guam.

Both sides have said that in order for dialogue, the other side needs to act.

South Korea to apologize for offending its leadership before any talk of dialogue to defuse tensions.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry called North Korea's demands illogical, but in Washington, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry put a more positive spin on Pyongyang's response.

"It's the first word of negotiation or thought of that we have heard from them since all of this has begun," he said Thursday before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. "I'm prepared to look at that as at